

*The Holy Spirit
gathers us in unity on the
first day of the week.*



HOLY COMMUNION

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

God Calls David

Sunday, October 24, 2021

8:30 a.m. Eucharist

Exploring the promise of God for all

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Largo

George Frideric Handel

(Please stand at the sound of the bell)

OPENING DIALOGUE

P How long will you grieve over Saul?

AI How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.

P The Lord does not see as mortals see.

AI The Lord looks on the heart.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

AI And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord, who knows our heart, sees who we are and loves us, give us your wisdom in how we see our neighbors and leaders. Help us be peacemakers and lead with our hearts for justice. We pray this in all the holy names of God,

AI Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Today's narrative reading is from the book of 1 Samuel:

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."

⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come





peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Word of God. Word of life.

AI **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

GOSPEL READING

John 7:19-24

The Holy Gospel according to John.

AI **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why are you looking for an opportunity to kill me? ²⁰The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is trying to kill you?" ²¹Jesus answered them, "I performed one work, and all of you are astonished. ²²Moses gave you circumcision (it is, of course, not from Moses, but from the patriarchs), and you circumcise a man on the sabbath. ²³If a man receives circumcision on the sabbath in order that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because I healed a man's whole body on the sabbath? ²⁴Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

The Gospel of the Lord.

AI **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON

MUSICAL RESPONSE

"Meditation" from *Thaïs*

Jules Massenet

Massenet (1842-1912) based his opera on the story of Thaïs, a Roman, whom the Christian monk Athanaël attempted to convert to Christianity. The opera premiered in Paris on March 16, 1894.

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Let us pray for the church and for the world giving thanks for God's goodness.

(Brief Silence)

Each petition concludes:
For your love and goodness:
We give you thanks O God.

P Having gathered our prayers, we offer them to you O God, confident that they are received and held in your holy name.

A Amen.



MEAL

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

A And also with you.

(Please remain standing)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

A And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

A We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord . . .

. . . be all honor and glory, now and forever.

A Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

Save us from the time of trial

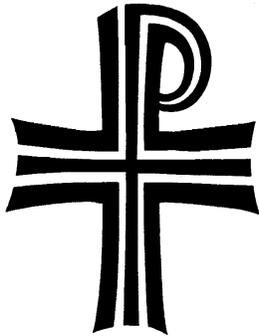
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

*God blesses us
and sends us in mission to
the world.*



*German music theorist, organist and
composer Johann Gottfried Walther
(1684-1748) was almost an exact
contemporary of Johann Sebastian Bach.
He is known primarily as the compiler of
the Musicalisches Lexicon, an enormous
dictionary of music and musicians, as
well as an arranger for organ of various
orchestral concerti by Italian composers
(Albinoni, Torelli, Vivaldi and Taglietti) -
the source of today's postlude.*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Sarabande from the Partita in D Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you
with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor
and ✠ give you peace.

All Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"O God, Who Gives Us Life"

(see page 6)

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Allegro"

Giulio Taglietti/Johann Gottfried Walther

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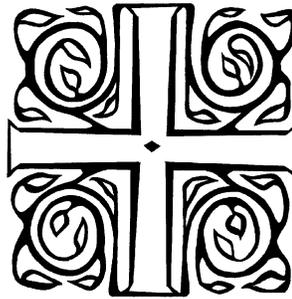
SERVING TODAY

Pastor Melissa Pohlman *presiding*
Pastor Stephanie Friesen *preaching*
Lorene Gilliksen *assisting minister*
Zee Gregerson *reading*

Cantor Deacon Mark Sedio *organist*
Ian Snyder *violinist*

Mark Kieffer *sound operator*

Richard Stegall, Diane Olson,
Bill Masche *sacristans*
usher ministry team



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Stanzas 1 & 2:

O God, Who Gives Us Life

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,
3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: NOEL, English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900
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