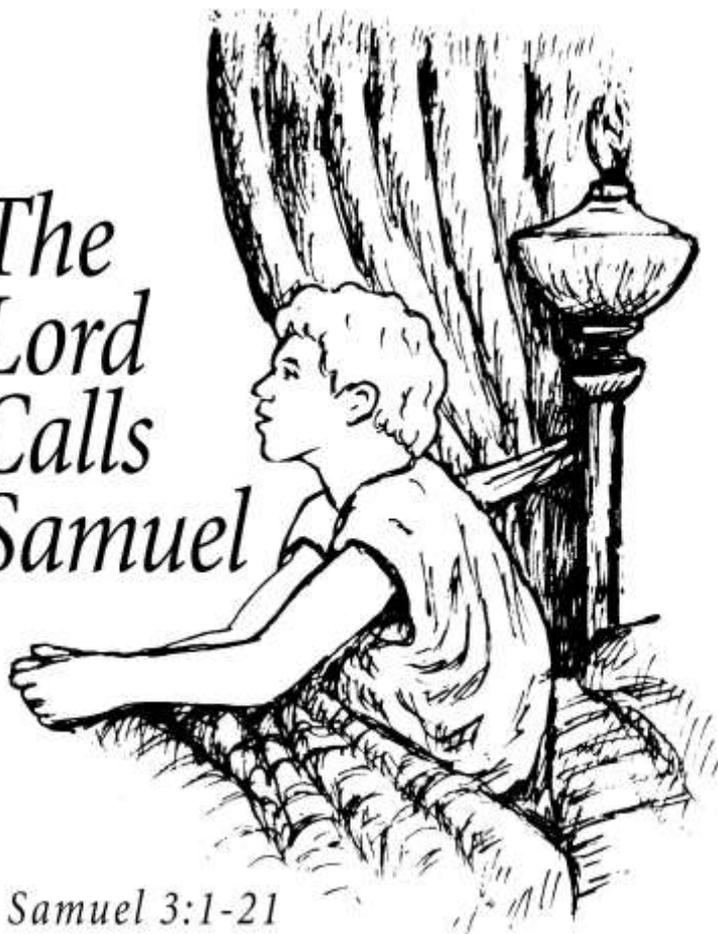


The Lord Calls Samuel



1 Samuel 3:1-21

Sunday, October 15, 2017

9:00 a.m.

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Sunday, October 15, 2017

19th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Three

**Indicates Congregation to stand as you are able*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the ☩ holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Source of all life,

**C: we confess that we have not allowed
your grace to set us free.**

We fear that we are not good enough.

**We hear your word of love freely given to us,
yet we expect others to earn it.**

**We turn the church inward,
rather than moving it outward.**

Forgive us. Stir us.

**Reform us to be a church powered by love,
willing to speak for what is right,
act for what is just,
and seek the healing of your whole creation.**

Amen.

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us
and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven,

☩ God's love is unconditional,
and we are raised up as God's people
who will always be made new,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

*GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. Beckoning God,
In the stillness of the night you called Samuel into your service. Call us into service with a voice we are able to hear, and give us hearts to come when we are called. Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 23

A: ¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

C: ²**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

A: ³You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

C: ⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall | fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they | comfort me. R**

A: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

C: ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

ACCLAMATION

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THE READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-21

L: A reading from the 3rd chapter of 1 Samuel.

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not

yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD. ²¹The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons ELW 798

*APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church let us 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.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: You rejoice in your church, gracious God. Welcome your children to the table you have prepared and send us forth to share the saving mercy we meet in Jesus Christ.

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MISSION MINUTE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 182

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

C: Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 153)**

***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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

Welcome to the Lord's Table! All baptized Christians who believe the words "This is my body given for you, shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins" are welcome to come forward to receive this gift of grace. Please wait for ushers to direct you to the front of the sanctu-

ary. *Communion by intinction means that when you come forward, bread will be placed in your hand. Then you will dip the bread in the cup and eat. The chalice with purple liquid is red wine and the chalice with yellow liquid is white grape juice. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, let the ushers know and we will bring communion to you. If you prefer not to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. May these gifts keep you in eternal life.*

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION HYMN *Just As I Am, without One Plea* ELW 592

COMMUNION HYMN *Jesus Loves Me!* ELW 595

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *God of Grace and God of Glory ELW 705

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick **Assisting Minister** ~ Arvid Mathison
Lector ~ Trudy Spike **Greeter** ~ Kitty Epperson
Acolytes ~ Alyssa Woodley & Ilsa Lund
Ushers ~ Chad & Cindy Georgeson Family
Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Gloria Fruit
Communion Assistants ~ Bjorn & Will Kaashagen
Musician ~ Andrew Severson **Audio Ministry** ~ Bonnie Ehrke
Nursery ~ Natasha Amundson
Offering Counters ~ Jean Lehr, Eric/Cheryl Nuenthel
Coffee Hour ~ Music **Church Lock-up** ~ Gloria Fruit

~Prayers~

Please note: If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please make note on your communion/welcome card. You may also notify the office before noon on Wednesday. Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested. **If you wish a person to remain on the prayer list longer than 3 weeks please make note weekly on your prayer card or contact the church office.** Thank you. *Denotes new/changed request.

Thanksgiving to God for...

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry, especially this week (see calendar)

-Prayers for the ministries of John and Amy Lindstrom.

God's guidance and direction for those with healing and health concerns...

-Kevin Porter

-Lyle Walheim

-Justin Bloomer

-Sharon Chapman

-Bryan Porter

-Lowell Severson

-Donna Weber

-Becky Kruegar

-Ryan Redford*

-The grieving families of Alma Houfe, Pastor Bob Burton, Pastor Maggie Cumings, Pastor Justin Weise all young pastors who died suddenly.

God's protection & safety for people of the world.

-For those affected in the Las Vegas shooting.

-For those in Texas, Florida and anywhere else being affected by the hurricanes and those in Mexico affected by the earthquakes.

-For those affected by the forest fires in the west.

-For global refugee crisis.

-For the peace among all the nations of the world.

God's protection and safety for those being deployed...

-Please remember all our veterans, and those on active duty. Give them

all God's comfort in their memories of war and their service to their country. (Please let office know if you have a family member on active duty.)

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, October 15, 2017

9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee Hour
10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

Monday, October 16, 2017

9:00am Pastor presents at WI Chaplain Association
11:30am Food Fellowship and Fun!

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

8:30am Staff Meeting
9:30am Prayers for Our People
10am-12pm Pastor's Office Hours
12:30pm Cambridge Clergy Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

1:30pm Pastors Meeting at St. Paul's Liberty Church
6:00pm Confirmation
7:00pm Education Meeting

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Newsletter Deadline

8:00am Men's Breakfast
11:30am Conference Meeting
6:00pm Property Meeting
6:30pm Church Council Meeting

Friday, October 20, 2017

Pastor's Day Off

Saturday, October 21, 2017

10:00am Visitation
11:00am Memorial service for Gayle Lyke

Sunday, October 22, 2017

9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Joy Circle
10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation
11:30am EKL Youth Pizza and Movie!

~Announcements~

Join us for Food, Fellowship and Fun on October 16th at 11:30am. All are welcome to come for lunch and stay to do crafts or play Euchre. Sign up in the Narthex and feel free to bring your friends!!

Skaalen Fall Festival Resident Bazaar & Pie, etc. Sale October 17 10am-3pm Skaalen Chapel 400 N. Morris St., Stoughton WI.

EKL Youth Group will gather for Pizza and Movie on October 22th! (Please note date change).

Campus Ministry Sunday: At the start of each school year, our Synod asks their churches to sponsor a Sunday for Lutheran Campus Ministry. The council has chosen **Sunday, October 29, 2017**. We will be taking a special offering during worship on this date to support Lutheran Campus Ministry at colleges within our synod: UW Madison, UW Platteville and UW Whitewater. The ministry at these campuses helps to sponsor regular fellowship, outreach activities on campus as well as weekly meals and discussions. Please consider supporting this important ministry for those away at college.

Support Lutheran Disaster Response: With an unprecedented amount of national disasters across the globe, LDR is ready to respond. If you would like to give a donation to LDR through East Koshkonong, please write a check to East Koshkonong Lutheran Church with "Lutheran Disaster Response" in the memo line. *You can donate to this cause all year.*

EKLC Committees: Any budget requests/changes for the EKLC 2018 Budget need to be submitted to the church office by October 23, 2017. October 10, 2017

Attention Seniors! Join others from our community at the Amundson Center on Tuesdays and Fridays at noon for Area Senior Dining. Enjoy a delicious healthy meal and conversation. Open to anyone over the age of 60. For questions and to make reservations please call 608-838-7117. (Reservations need to be made at least 24 hours before) Suggested donation of \$4.

Dear Partners in Ministry in the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin,

I am writing to inform you that I will be ending my service as the bishop of our synod next June, a year earlier than my full term.

As most of you know, on May 12, 2017, I suffered a heart attack. I was treated quickly with a coronary stent, and have received good medical care, effective medication and successfully completed cardiac rehab. What most of you do not know is at the same time I was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. The type of cancer I have is not aggressive, is contained, and easily treatable by removing the thyroid. The problem is that since I am on blood thinners for the coronary stent, I am unable to have my thyroid removed at this time. My doctors are monitoring the situation and everything is stable. They are not concerned. This really is not a big deal compared to what so many live with. I am doing well and feeling more fit and healthy than I have in years.

Nonetheless, these health scares have caused John and me to think about what is of ultimate importance in our lives and make decisions about how best to live fully and faithfully into the future. We have decided that it is time for us to move closer to home and family – including my parents and our grandchildren. To that end, we will be seeking our next calls in the Twin Cities.

This means our synod will be electing a new bishop at our next synod assembly, May 5-6, 2018. The synod council will be reviewing the Bishop's election process and assembling election and transition teams. More information will be shared with you as details are worked out.

This also means it is time for each of you to begin to identify potential candidates for the Office of Bishop. Talk with each other, ask questions, seek out gifted pastors, and pray. I will always be available to answer questions about the role and responsibilities of a bishop, but I cannot and will not bring opinions about who should serve in that role.

Serving as your bishop has been one of the greatest honors and privileges of my ministry and I thank you for your call and trust. I have been blessed to share times of celebration and struggle with so many of you. I will miss gathering with you at synod events and in your congregations on Sunday mornings. You have touched my heart, fed my spirit, and given me hope as you live out your faith in Jesus. John joins me in expressing deep gratitude for your welcome, friendship, support and partnership in this good gospel work.

God's peace as we continue walking together in faith,

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