

KING DAVID'S



BROKEN FAMILY

August 16, 2020
8:00/9:00/10:00 a.m.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Theme: King David's Broken Family

As We Gather

Over the last couple of Sundays, we have been doing short stories of the Old Testament; I guess you could call it character studies. First, was the Wisdom of Abigail; last Sunday/Monday was Solomon, How the Mighty Have Fallen. Today, another tragic story filled with sex, murder, cover-ups, ambitions, political intrigue, and power struggles all found in one family. The family? King David and his children.

Prayer Before Worship

Father, we come before You in Jesus' name with shouts of joy, we worship You with gladness that fills our hearts and with songs of joy before the Lord. Father, we declare today that the Lord is God and that we are Yours; we give You praise because we know that we are Your people and the sheep of Your pasture. Father, we enter Your gates with thanksgiving and Your courts with praise, we give thanks to You God and we praise Your name. Father, we Your people declare today that the Lord is good and His love endures forever. We praise You because Your faithfulness continues through all generations.

If you share our beliefs regarding the Lord's Supper, we welcome you to our altar. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer or de-alcoholized wine, please let the Pastor or Elder know when you are at the table. Non-communing children and adults may receive a blessing from the Pastor, indicated by folding your arms across your chest as a sign you are not communing.

Prelude

Rick Helderop, piano

Opening Hymn 4

God Himself Is Present

1. God Himself is present: let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him. God is in His temple
All within keep silence, prostrate lie with deepest rev'ence.
Him alone God we own, Him, our God and Savior; Praise His name
forever.
2. God Himself is present: hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding! "Holy, holy, holy"
Hear the hymn ascending, songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow Thine ear to us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises that Thy church now
raises.
3. O Thou Fount of blessing, purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Thy merit. Like the holy angels,
Who behold Thy glory, may I ceaselessly adore Thee.
Let Thy will ever still rule Thy church terrestrial as the hosts celestial.

Order of Service for Holy Communion

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our
sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

**P&C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner,
confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever
offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal
punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of
them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the**

holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 13:21-22

(King David's Troubled Home)

When King David heard all this, he was furious. And Absalom never said a word to Amnon, either good or bad; he hated Amnon because he had disgraced his sister Tamar.

Epistle Reading Hebrews 12:9-11

(The Father's Love For Us)

Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading Matthew 7:9-12

(Our Faithful Heavenly Father)

“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven

give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn 416 Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do His will!
2. Order my footsteps by Thy Word and make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.
3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way, restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

Sermon

Text: 2 Samuel 13:21-22

“King David’s Broken Family”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Prayer of the Church

Holy Spirit, promised comforter, you have made our hearts your dwelling place and claim our bodies to be the temples of our God. What you cause to come from us is good. What we prompt within ourselves is not. Help us to walk in your light. There is a tedious struggle within us, for our instincts and desires war against the ways that you would have us follow. Were you not the active agent in our Christian lives, how self-serving and how wicked would we be. Our inclinations are to lust. Our motives tend toward envy. Our aims are self-indulgent. Forgive us for Jesus’ sake and lead us out of darkness into light. Bring forth out of us the fruits of faith. You have taught us the way of salvation. Now finish what is begun. As you have rescued us, now direct us. Show in our lives the evidence of your indwelling. Bless all those who call on you, and today we remember: (petitions spoken by the pastor)

Communion Liturgy

The Lord's Prayer

P: 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;

C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution (spoken by the Pastor)

The Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen.

The Agnus Dei

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

- ✠ The wafers are in plastic bags with 1 to 3 wafers in each bag.
- ✠ The wine is in individual plastic containers with lids.
- ✠ Each family unit will be invited forward by an usher to receive the elements after they are blessed.
- ✠ We will have two tables to serve two groups at a time.
- ✠ Pastor or Elder (masked) will bring the appropriate count of the elements to the table. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer or de-alcoholized wine, please let the Pastor or Elder know when you are at

the table. You will then proceed to serve yourself the Body and Blood of Christ.

✝ Once done, you will take plastic bags and the containers with lids and place them in the receptacle that will be near the tables and you will go back to your seats.

✝ We will do this in a most reverent manner. I know it will seem strange to celebrate the Eucharist in such a different way than we are accustomed, but our goal is to be as safe as we can and not put anyone's health in jeopardy.

✝ If you do not feel comfortable receiving communion then please do not come forward. We want our worship environment to feel safe for all.

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn 47 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise
(Favorite hymn of Jeanie Buechner)

1. Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.
2. Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.
3. Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, piano



Flowers were placed by Robin Swift in dedication to the whole world that has been touched by this virus. Prayers for those who have lost loved ones and prayers that God will bless us all with whatever concerns we have going through this trying time; and Brian & Tracey Fish in thanksgiving for 24 years of marriage and for all the blessings we have been given - our redemption through Christ, our church, family, friends, & health.

Family of God Soup Kitchen sponsors for this month are Brenda & Kevin Orava in celebration of the 1st birthday of their great niece McKenna Kay Simon. May God continue to watch over & bless McKenna and her parents Nicole & Bryce Simon; the Fish family in thanksgiving for our families' health and safety; and the Rolf family. Family of God Soup Kitchen - Positive Parenting sponsors for this month are Barbara and David Peterson in gratefulness for our good health and for having a comfortable nesting place during this horrible pandemic. We pray for those less fortunate.

Audio/Video Operator

David Hardoin

Musicians

8:00 - Bonnie L. Brooks, soprano - special music and song leader

9:00/10:00 - Redeemer Praise; Amy and Steve SeGraves, vocalists;

Brian Buckmaster, drums; Greg Weipert, guitar and bass

8:00/9:00/10:00 - Rick Helderop, piano