



WELCOME TO LORD OF LIFE!

***All are welcome here. We extend a special welcome to visitors. We're glad you joined us today!
The following information may help you in your worship experience and getting to know Lord of Life.***

Communal words spoken and sung will be on the screen and/or in this bulletin. The bold text is spoken together. Songs/hymns can also be found (with music) in either Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) cranberry hymnal or All Creation Sings (ACS) purple hymnal. Both can be found under a chair near you.

We are grounded in the sacraments of baptism and communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table; there are no exceptions. Our bread is dairy, nut, and gluten-free; wine and juice are both available. If you aren't baptized and would like to be, please talk to Pr. Kirsten.

Children are welcome in this place! At baptism, we celebrate our place in God's family and the community of Lord of Life. Children of all ages are integral members of the Body of Christ, and have a place in our community that includes worship. Children learn by seeing, hearing, and experiencing worship with adults who care about them (not just their parents). We embrace the sounds and activity that accompany them.

We have a few resources for parents:

PrayGround: Table up front with coloring supplies; go with your child, sit near the table, or send them independently. Please, no phones at the Prayground.

Activity Bags: things to occupy busy hands during worship, located in the shelves just outside the sanctuary; ask an usher if you need help finding them.

Nursery (for children 0-5, 5-7 by exception): Our nursery is staffed by a capable young adult who is kind and has been background checked. There is a sign-in sheet for security.

Narthex (Gathering/Entrance space): Benches, rocking chairs, or space to move around.

Children's Message: children are invited up front to engage with part of the message in worship.

Communion: children are welcome to receive the elements or a blessing. Please let the server know your preferences.

There are **Assisted Listening devices** available just outside the sanctuary doors for those that need amplified sound. We also have an Auracast system that allows you to connect to your hearing aids through your phone and Bluetooth connection. Directions are posted on the wall in the narthex / entryway.

Offering is an act of worship and a privilege to return to God a portion of what God has given us. If you are a guest, do not feel obligated to give. Offerings given today are joyfully used for outreach to the greater church/community and for the work and ministry of Lord of Life. You may donate electronically using the QR code that leads you to the website (www.lordoflife.org), by mail, using direct deposit with your bank, or RMD / QCD / or stock gift (in consultation with your financial advisor), or in the offering box at the font.

If at anytime you are uncomfortable standing, you are free to remain seated.

If you are worshiping from home, you are invited to participate, not just observe. Please prepare your own sacred space for worship. You might include some candles, a cross, water for remembering your baptism, and, if you will be participating in Communion, bread and wine or suitable substitutes.

Lord of Life is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at www.elca.org. We are located on the ancestral homeland of the Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Palouse, Wanapum, and Yakama peoples. We give thanks for their presence and care of this land since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home. Learn more at native-land.ca.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the days of Noah, God placed a rainbow in the sky
as the sign of a covenant of God's love for all the earth.

In the colors of the rainbow, we see the sign of God's grace for all creation.

When Abram was 75 years old, God invited him to be part of God's work, to receive and become a blessing.

In the land, we see God's gift and call.

When Joseph was in prison, **God was there.**

When the Israelites fled across the sea, **God was there.**

In the giving of the commandments to Moses, and renewing the covenant with Joshua, **God was there.**

In the promises to God's people for generations,
we see the faithfulness and mercy of God for all the world,
embodied in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

God is here!

Glory to God, *ELW Service of the Word (WOV Setting 5)*

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Final refrain
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Sept 6

God of promise, you set a bow in the sky to remind us that you will never again forsake your creation. Make us ever mindful of your promise, so that we might honor our covenant with you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sept 20

God of covenant, you promised Abraham land, descendants, and blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sept 27

God of presence, you remained fully with Joseph when he sat long years in a prison for a crime he did not commit. Help us to see that you are always with us, so that we might live faithfully in your world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Oct 4

God of salvation, you rescued the Israelites at the edge of the Red Sea. Rescue us from the things of this world that threaten our lives and livelihoods, so that we might forever place our trust in you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Oct 11

God of the commandments, you gave the Israelites laws so that they might live in harmony with one another. Show us how to live in peace, so that all may know of your love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Oct 18

God of deliverance, you saved the people of Israel and chose Joshua to lead your people to the Promised Land. Choose us, and equip us to live with faith and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

All Christian worship is biblical. We follow the Narrative Lectionary (NL), which seeks to provide a narrative arc through scripture and increase biblical literacy. Instead of a 3-year cycle like the RCL (Revised Common Lectionary, where Matthew, Mark, and Luke each get their own year, and John interspersed throughout), the NL is a 4-year cycle where every gospel gets its own year. The NL starts in Genesis and works through the early stories of God's people, hears from the prophets and reaches the gospel by Christmas, where it stays through Easter. After Easter we'll hear some post-resurrection accounts and stories of the early church through the Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles.

Hearing the proclamation of the Word is central to our worship experience. The Word is proclaimed throughout our worship, in our liturgy, prayers, sermon, hymns, and yes, scripture. You are invited to let go of the need to read along and simply listen, and let the Spirit lead your imagination and inspire your hearing.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We end with this refrain:

All: You are a dearly loved child of God! Children: And so are you!

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION, *ELW Service of the Word (WOV Setting 5)*



READING OF SCRIPTURE *(The readings are printed at the back of this bulletin, sorted by date.)*

A reading from...

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

September 6 - ELW #739 *Touch the Earth Lightly*
September 20 - ACS #1038 *God, We Gather As Your People*
September 27 - ELW #513 *Listen, God Is Calling*
October 4 - *Pharoah, Pharoah* (words at back)
October 11 - ELW #401 *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*
October 18 - *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* (words at the back)

LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM, ELW p. 227

September 6 - Elsa Peta
October 18 - Drake and Rhiannon Payne

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The creed is both a response to and a proclamation of the word. It is a statement of faith of the whole church. It links us to the ancestors of our faith, the saints, and unites us with the church around the world and people of every nation. Sometimes we use affirmations of faith written in other places and times. For this liturgy, we return to one of the creeds of the church long ago: the Apostles' Creed, which is centered in baptism. When we confess faith in the one holy catholic church, we are confessing faith in the church universal. Catholic ('C') refers to the Roman Catholic Church, whereas catholic ('c') comes from the Greek word 'katholikos' meaning 'universal.'

Let us confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

These prayers are prepared weekly, so they are not included in this seasonal bulletin. They will be on the screen so that you may help voice them. This time of prayer reflects the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world, typically including:

- *for the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel;*
- *for the well-being of creation;*
- *for peace and justice in the world, the nations and those in authority, the community;*
- *for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely;*
- *for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;*
- *for the congregation, and for special concerns.*
- *We also give thanks for those faithful departed, whose witness inspires us.*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We proclaim the peace of the risen Christ to each other. You might use hand signals, a wave, a bow, or simply a smile, and say "peace be with you," or similar words.

SPECIAL MUSIC

October 18—*Prayer for Peace*. Words by David Sarandon. Music by Mary Lynn Lightfoot. Heritage Music Press, a division of the Lorenz Corporation, 2005. (Men of Life Choir)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 20 — Install Young Years and Faith Formation Teachers, Confirmation Mentors

September 27 – Companion Synod (Ulanga-Kilombero Diocese in Tanzania) from Bob & Jane Bryce

October 4 – Blessing of Animals

Hymn: ACS #1064 *Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom* (music at back)

October 11 – Presentation of Bibles to Pre-K and 6th Graders

MEAL



OFFERING

A collection of material goods for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, is a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts. We offer to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Your financial gifts for LoL can be placed in the offering box at the baptismal font, made electronically through our website (www.thelordoflife.org), sent in the mail, using direct deposit with your bank, or RMD / QCD / or stock gift (in consultation with your financial advisor). Please contact the Financial Secretary with questions.

OFFERING SONG, *WOV Setting 5*

Let the vine- yards be fruit- ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Let the vine- yards be fruit- ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come."

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you, all-holy God, for the universe beyond our knowing, for lands and seas and all their animals, and for friends and strangers and family.

We praise you for your covenant people,
for Noah and his family, Abraham and Sarah,
Joseph, Moses, Miriam, and Joshua,
and for centuries of faithful Christians,
including the beloved saints of yesterday and today.

We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ, your new covenant embodied,
who on the night before he died took bread, and gave thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for your Holy Spirit. Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ,
inspire your people for service, and renew the world with your mercy and love.

We praise you, all-holy God, covenant-maker, covenant-redeemer, and covenant keeper,
today, tomorrow, and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Please use the version or language of your heart.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught.

**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.**

**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.**

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's table, as we receive the presence of Christ for us in bread and wine. This meal is for all regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, criminal record, or list of offenses.

Make your way to the front using the side aisle. There will be bread, wine, and grape juice. A basket to collect used cups is in the center. After receiving the elements, return to your seat by the center aisle. If you have questions when you get up front, it is okay to ask. The bread is gluten-free, nut-free, dairy-free, and full of grace!

The Meal may be brought to your seat if it would be helpful; please let the ushers know and they will notify the leaders.

Forever Love by Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan

There is a love, a for-ev - er love that's hold - ing us.
this ancient heart that's beating in you strong

Strong as a flood, big as the star -
There's nothing to lose, it's wrapped a-round

- ry sky en-fold - ing us. Now let us sing
you for your whole life long

what the Ho - ly One has prom - ised:

Now let us sing what the Ho - ly One has prom -

ised, Sing of the for - ev - er love.

Let it ring true, let it shine, sing of the for -

ev - er love, res - o - nate through all your life,

for - ev - er love. It's noth - ing new

for - ev - er love.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

September 6 - ELW #597 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*
September 20 - *God Bless Us and Keep Us* (music at back)
September 27 - ELW #401 *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*
October 4 - N/A
October 11 - ELW #787 *On Eagle's Wings*
October 18 - ELW #583 *Take My Life, That I May Be*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, **our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

This is called the Aaronic blessing because it is the blessing God gave Moses to speak over Aaron and his sons in Numbers 6. It is also echoed in Psalm 67.

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,
in the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

September 6 - ELW #771 *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*
September 20 - ELW #547 *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*
September 27 - ELW #866 *We Are Marching in the Light*
October 4 - *Creator of the Water* (words at back)
October 11 - ELW #670 *Build Us Up, Lord*
October 18 - ELW #538 *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth / Enviado soy de Dios*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MUSIC NOT IN THE HYMNALS

September 20—Communion—*God Bless Us and Keep Us*



1 God bless us and keep us and make us a bless - ing,
2 Christ, shine on our path as the flame of good cour - age,
3 Pour out on all peo - ple your boun - ti - ful Spir - it—



a sign of your mer - cies out - num - b'ring the stars.
a light in the dark - ness, the dawn of our days.
new vi - sions she wak - ens, sweet wis - dom she breathes.



En - liv - en our la - bor with love for our neigh - bor, the
With kind - ness up - hold us, de - fend us, and clothe us in
To - day and to - mor - row, in joy and in sor - row, in



har - vest of grate - ful and grace - bear - ing hearts.
gar - ments of glad - ness and gar - lands of praise.
life and in death, ev - er, God, give us peace.

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October 4—Hymn of the Day—*Pharaoh, Pharaoh*

The tune is *Louie, Louie* written by Richard Berry in 1955.

The lyrics that turned this into a camp and church song were written by Tony Sbrana in 1971 for a Bible in Literature class during his senior year of high school.

Pharaoh Pharaoh, Oh baby, Let my people go! (yeah, yeah, yeah . . .)

Pharaoh Pharaoh, Oh baby, Let my people go!

Well, the burning bush told me just the other day

That I should come over here and say

Got to get my people out of Pharaoh's hand

And lead them over to the promised land.

Pharaoh Pharaoh...

**Me and God's people came to the Red Sea
With Pharaoh's army coming after me
I raised my rod, stuck it in the sand
And all of God's people walked across dry land.**

Pharaoh Pharaoh...

**Well all of Pharaoh's army was coming too
So what do you think that I did do?
I raised my rod and cleared my throat
And all of Pharaoh's army did the dead man's float.**

Pharaoh Pharaoh...

October 4—Sending Hymn—*Creator of the Water*

Tune: ELW #361 The Day of Resurrection!

**Creator of the water that makes the world so green,
That satisfies the thirsty, and keeps us cool and clean,
We take from your creation this gift we use each day;
You call us now to use it in this most holy way.**

**As in the time of Noah, the sea engulfed the land,
And through the Red Sea, Moses led Israel 'cross the sand,
And to the Jordan waters, Christ went and was baptized —
Your water has a power: it changes all our lives.**

**May this your gift of water, long springing from the earth,
Become for all your people a fountain of rebirth.
Lord, wash away our sinning, and give us life anew —
Pour out your Spirit on us, that we may follow you.**

**God, through your gift of water, your family we become;
You take away divisions; in Christ you make us one.
Now send your Spirit on us and give us work to do
That we may share with others the love we have from you.**

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October 4—Blessing of Animals—ACS #1064 *Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom*

**Earth is full of wit and wisdom, sounding God's delighted laugh,
from the tiny roly-poly to the treetop-tall giraffe.**

**All creation sings in wonder; even rocks and trees rejoice
as they join the ringing chorus: echoes of our Maker's voice.**

Earth is full of wit and wisdom, woven into harmony.

Ev'ry creature has a purpose, ev'ry flow'r and bumblebee.

**Spider, human, redwood, gecko, monkey, chicken, mouse, and snake
live within a single fabric: cloth that only God could make.**

**Earth is full of wit and wisdom: penguin, platypus, and snail,
cactus, sea slug, oak, and algae, from the microbe to the whale.**

**In this great and strange creation, with a breath God gives us birth:
born of soil to live as stewards, called to love and serve the earth.**

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October 18—Hymn of the Day—I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back no turning back

The world behind me the cross before me, The world behind me the cross before me

The world behind me the cross before me, No turning back no turning back

Jeffrey Rickard, Unknown; CCLI Song #2151540

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READINGS FOR FALL

September 6 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost - Flood & Promise

Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

Chapter 6

⁵The LORD saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶And the LORD was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the LORD said, "I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created — people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found favor in the sight of the LORD.

⁹These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end

of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. ²¹Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them." ²²Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Chapter 8

⁶At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; ⁹but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. ¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; ¹¹and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹²Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

Chapter 9

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

September 20 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost - Call of Abraham

Genesis 12:1-9

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

September 27 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost - Joseph in Prison

Genesis 39:19-23

¹⁹When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. ²⁰And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. ²¹But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. ²²The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. ²³The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

October 4 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost - Rescue at the Sea

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

⁵When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" ⁶So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; ⁷he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

¹⁰As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

October 11 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost - Covenant and Commandments

Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

Chapter 19

³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him.

Chapter 20

¹Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

October 18 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost - Joshua Renews the Covenant Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26]

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors — Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor — lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; ⁴and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. ⁵Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst; and afterwards I brought you out. ⁶When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. ⁷When they cried out to the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterwards you lived in the wilderness a long time. ⁸Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. ⁹Then King Balak son of Zippor of Moab, set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you; so I rescued you out of his hand. ¹¹When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I handed them over to you. ¹²I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. ¹³I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant.

¹⁴Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

¹⁹But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." ²¹And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" ²²Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." ²³He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." ²⁴The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." ²⁵So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem. ²⁶Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the LORD.

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