

The palm of Deborah, between Ramah and Bethel

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September 8, 2024 16th Sunday after Pentecost – 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Sermon series: The crucible of faith: Four women prophets and their courageous responses to God's call

Part II: Deborah, judge and prophet

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor Annette Dittman, Director of Youth Ministries Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director Prelude: Variations on Earth and All Stars Arr. Robert Powell

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, \pm the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: Earth and All Stars

ELW 731

GREETING

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW Setting 10



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

P. Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

C. Amen

First Reading: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

¹A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

²The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.

⁸Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.

⁹Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

²²Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;

²³for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Word of God, word of life. C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 125





¹Those who trust in the Lord are | like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands | fast forever.

²The mountains sur- | round Jerusalem; so you surround your people, O Lord, from this time forth for- | evermore. R

³The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted | to the just, so that the just shall not put their | hands to evil.

⁴Show your goodness, O Lord, to those | who are good and to those who are | true of heart.

⁵As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the | evildoers;

but peace be | upon Israel. R



Second Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ¹Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

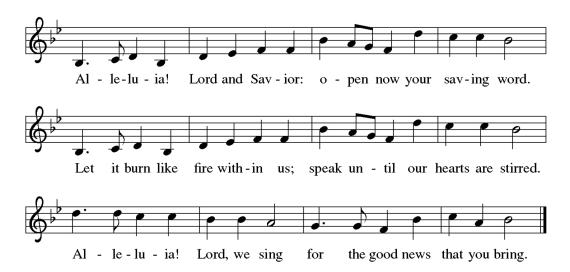
Word of God, word of life. C. Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 10



Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

P. The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the 7th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.** *Please be seated.*

Sermon: Deborah – Faith and Leadership for Today Pastor Nancy Raabe

HYMN of the DAY: Spirit, Open My Heart ACS (All Creation Sings) 1043 Cathy Farrell, vocals; Harold Schaefer, Lou Marucci, and Dan Sarm, guitars



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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.

PRAYERS

To the petition "Hear us, O God," please respond, "Your mercy is great."

GREETING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always. C. And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

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Music at the Offering: The Hand of God

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Sewell 1

OFFERTORY: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Stanza 1



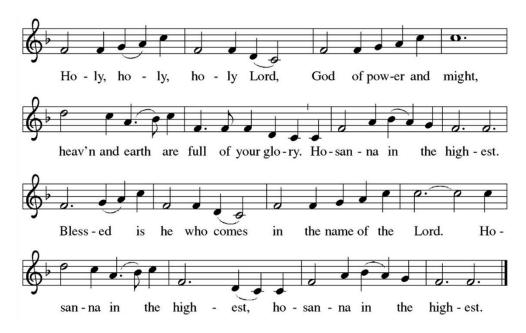
OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray.
Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world. **C. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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 God thanks and praise.
- P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





In the night in which he was betrayed...

- P. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C. Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

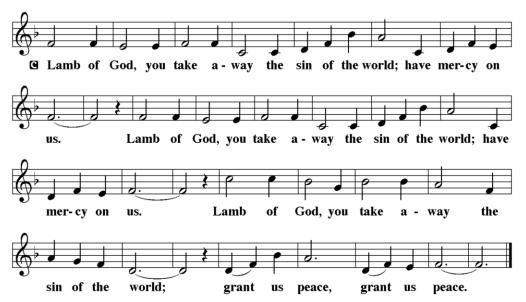
Our Father, who art in heaven....

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table where the abundance of life in Christ is freely shared.

Please be seated.

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COMMUNION HYMN: We Come to the Hungry Feast

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Please stand.

TABLE BLESSING

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

BENEDICTION

The blessing of Almighty God, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **C. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW 886

DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace. Follow Jesus! C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Trumpet Tune in G Sam Batt Owens

Serving today - Thank You!!

Preacher and Presider, Rev. Nancy Raabe

Organist: Pat Keen

Lector: 8:00, The Walters; 10:30, B. Krout

Ushers: 8:00, The Walters;

10:30, Jeff Krout & Kay Deussing Communion Asst: 8:00, The Seilers;

10:30, Jaime Kaler

Altar Guild: 8:00, Don Capanear;

10:30, Sue Weiland

Acolyte: 8:00, Usher; 10:30, Elijah Krout

Coffee Hour: Ken & Karen Seiler

Council Offering & Lockup: 8:00, Dave

Kunkel; 10:30, Tom Salter Video Team: Harold Schaefer,

Dan & Tami Sarm

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Sunday School begins today at 9:15 with an intergenerational event.

Welcome back, students and families!



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