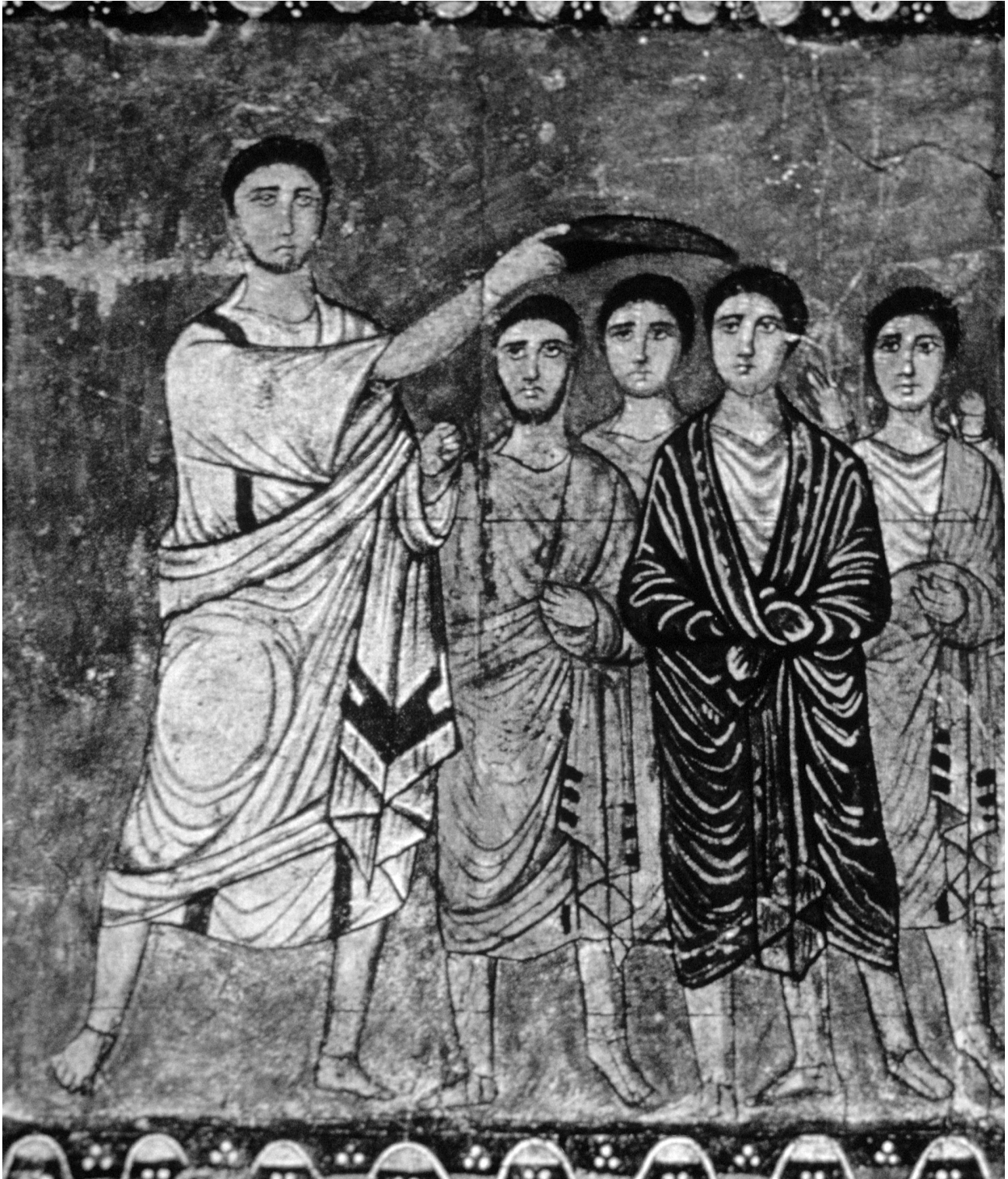


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# The Word of the LORD Was Rare

*Distribute before session 1 for use in session 1.  
Use enrichment magazine pp. 2-8.*

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**1 Samuel 1-6**

**Resources for Worship**

Use these resources for your daily study at home and at the week's assembly.

**Hymn**

Almighty God, Your Word is cast  
Like seed into the ground;  
Now let the dew of heav'n descend  
And righteous fruits abound.

Let not the sly satanic foe  
This holy seed remove,  
But give it root in ev'ry heart  
To bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares  
The rising plant destroy,  
But let it yield a hundredfold  
The fruits of peace and joy.

So when the precious seed is sown,  
Life-giving grace bestow  
That all whose souls the truth receive  
Its saving pow'r may know.

(LSB 577)

**Prayer**

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church, You call Your people through Your Word and Your Sacraments and keep us united with You by the same Word and Sacraments. By Your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to You through these Means of Grace. Guide us that we never take them for granted or ignore them, for apart from You we cannot live, and these are the ways You have chosen to keep us close to You. We ask this in Your holy name, the precious name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

**Digging Deep**  
**My Personal Study for Week 1**

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**Day 1 • Read 1 Samuel 1**

1. Describe Hannah's problem. What gift does she seek from the Lord? Why is this important to her?

2. What does the priest, Eli, assume when he sees Hannah praying but does not hear her words? Why would his challenge to her increase her grief?

3. How does the Lord answer Hannah's prayer?

4. How does Hannah respond to the Lord's blessings?

8. What sins are being committed by the sons of Eli, the high priest? Why are these sins especially wrong?

5. What advice, and what comfort, can you offer to parents who desire children but have none?

9. How does the Lord warn the sinners in the priesthood of their sins and their condemnation?

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**Day 2 • Read 1 Samuel 2**

6. What parts of Hannah's song relate directly to her life? What elements of Hannah's song relate generally to the lives of all God's people?

10. What promises does the Lord attach to His warning?

7. Which book of the New Testament has songs like Hannah's in its first chapter? How do those songs and singers resemble Hannah and her song?

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**Day 3 • Read 1 Samuel 3**

11. How does God speak to Samuel? How is this visit a sign of grace, even though He brings a message of judgment?

# Appoint for Us a King

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**1 Samuel 7–12**

### Resources for Worship

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### Hymn

God bless our native land;  
Firm may she ever stand  
Through storm and night.  
When the wild tempests rave,  
Ruler of wind and wave,  
Do Thou our country save  
By Thy great might.

So shall our prayers arise  
To God above the skies;  
On Him we wait.  
Thou who art ever nigh,  
Guarding with watchful eye,  
To Thee aloud we cry:  
God save the state!

(LSB 965)

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be King of kings and Lord of lords. Grant that we may faithfully follow His rule. As we look forward to the eternal kingdom of Your new creation, help us also to respect those who rule over us in this world, honoring them for the sake of Your Son, our King, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

### Digging Deep

#### My Personal Study for Week 2

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**Day 1 • Read 1 Samuel 7**

1. What does Samuel tell the Israelites to do so they will be rescued from the Philistines?

2. What happens when the Israelites do as Samuel says and the Philistines attack?

3. Does this mean that God can be bought by our words and our obedience? Why or why not?

4. What is the significance of the stone called “Ebenezer” that Samuel raises?

5. How is Samuel’s career summarized in this chapter?

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**Day 2 • Read 1 Samuel 8**

6. What do we learn about Samuel's sons in this chapter? Whom do they resemble?

7. What do the Israelites ask of Samuel? Why do they ask this of him?

8. How does Samuel respond to their request? How does the Lord respond?

9. What warnings does Samuel give the Israelites about their request?

10. How do the events of this chapter and the warnings of Samuel apply to government where you live today?

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**Day 3 • Read 1 Samuel 9–10**

11. What do we learn about Saul, the first king of Israel, in this chapter?

12. What is the relationship of Saul and Samuel in chapter 9? How is Saul's view of Samuel different from those of other people as described in other chapters of this book? Why would Saul view Samuel in this way?

13. Why does Samuel give Saul such a detailed description of the immediate future in chapter 10? What things happen to Saul in this chapter? What significance do they have?