

Our God Reigns
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
8-1-21

Theme: Our God Reigns- 1 & 2 Samuel

Welcome to Summer at Grace and our sermon series on 1 & 2 Samuel. Through the trials of a prophet, the rise and fall of kings, and a stubborn people, God's gracious actions are evident through all the chaos. So it is with our lives. In all of the trials, through all of the ups and downs that we experience in life, God is at work even still. Our God Reigns!

† GOD CALLS US †

INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 18

Leader: The Lord lives! Exalted be God, my Savior.

ALL: I will sing praises to your name.

Leader: He gives his king great victories, he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed, David,

ALL: and his descendants forever.

OPENING SONG

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
(LSB 709, v. 1 & 2)

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

† GOD CLEANSSES US †

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

ALL: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do.
You should cast me from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me for Jesus' sake.

Pastor: Christ has died. Christ is risen! And Christ will come again. In His great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called and ordained servant. I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

SONG OF PRAISE

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (v. 3-6)

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

† GOD SPEAKS WITH US †

FIRST READING
Ephesians 4:1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.”

⁹(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions^[c]? ¹⁰He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows, and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:22-35

The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. ²³ Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

²⁶ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

²⁸ Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

²⁹ Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

³⁰ So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ^[a]”

³² Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:
“The Nicene Creed”

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BRINGING OF OUR BLESSINGS
with Thanksgiving in our Offering

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

† 1st & 2nd Samuel †

MESSAGE:

“God Unites”

2nd Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

† GOD FEASTS WITH US †

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

DISMISSAL

CLOSING SONG

“The Church’s One Foundation”

The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is His new creation By water and the Word
From heav’n he came and sought her To be His holy bride
With His own blood he bought her And for her life He died

Elect from ev’ry nation, Yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses With ev’ry grace endued.

Through toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see you face to face.

† GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT †

BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

ALL: Amen!

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God