

October 11, 2023

Opening Hymn: LSB 578

*Thy Strong Word*

Lecture Hymn: LSB 783

*Take My Life & Let It Be*

# Living Way

## Prayer

A mother's faithful prayer.

- *"She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly."* 1 Sam 1:10

Lived in prayer for the people.

- 1 Sam 7:5-8, 8:6, 12:17, 15:11

## Judge

Samuel lived at the intersection of the Theocracy & the Monarchy. He was the last of the judges, but his period of judging lasted into the Monarchy

- *"Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life."* 1 Sam 7:15

## Prophet

God spoke to Samuel and he brought the message to the people.

- 1 Sam 3—Samuel's call & judgement against Eli's house
- 1 Sam 8:22—God instructing Samuel to give Israel a king.

## Priest

- Prayer for the people
- Offered sacrifices— 1 Sam 7:9-10
- Anointing Saul—1 Sam 10 & David—1 Sam 16

1 Sam 3:10—*"And the Lord came and stood..."*

This was possibly in the Holy Place where the lamp is. Only the high Priest could enter the Most Holy Place.

Samuel is 12 years of age at his call according to Josephus.

Eli is 98 years of age at his death— 1 Sam. 4.

We do not exactly know the age of Samuel at this point.

## Samuel is of the tribe of Levi

The Levites were given no portion at eh land was divided— Joshua 18:7

Later, they are allotted land in the territories of other tribes—Joshua 21

Elkanah, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite— see 1 Chon. 6