



October 16 & 17, 2021

21st Weekend after Pentecost

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

357 Division St Elgin, IL 60120 ** 847-742-2025

Saturday at 5:00 pm & Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Also on Sunday: Radio Broadcast on WRMN 1410 AM &
Live Stream: holytrinityelgin.com

Samuel didn't recognize the Lord's voice when the Lord called him. God had a difficult assignment for Samuel—the condemnation of his mentor, Eli.

Prelude

Salvation is Created (Cherubic Hymn)

Pavel Tschesnokoff

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God created all things.

We celebrate all that God created when we gather.

As Samuel living in the house of the Lord,

We come together to live, work, and serve for you

Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Creator of all things,

We have failed to care for all that you have made. We have squandered resources and oppressed others. Forgive us for what we have done and have failed to do. Teach us how to be steward of your creation with care and nurture.

Amen.

Our God will always love all that God has made. Although we sin, God forgives. Receive now the entire forgiveness of all your sins, granted as a gift from a loving God. In the name of Jesus we pray.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

Master, Speak, Thy Servant Heareth

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

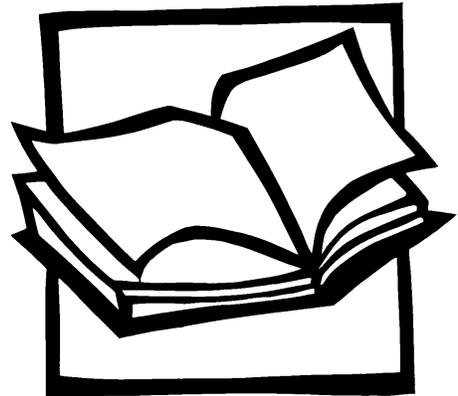
Prayer of the Day

Lord whom we serve,
Samuel did not recognize your voice when you called, but he eventually obeyed. Teach us to know your voice and to respond, "Here I am!" Amen.

Children's Sermon (Sunday only)

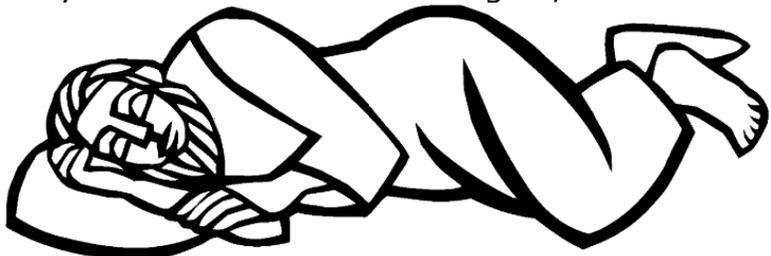
Presentation of the Bibles

Receive this Bible.
Hear God's word with us.
Learn and tell its stories.
Discover its mysteries.
Honor its commandments.
Rejoice in its good news.
May God's life-giving word
inspire you and make you wise.



1 Samuel 3:1-21

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did



not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." ¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. ²¹The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel: John 20:21-23

The holy Gospel according to John the 20th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Pass It On
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Creed*

We believe in God the Creator, who created and is creating everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God.

We believe in God the Christ, who saved and is saving everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us: each of us; unique, individual and beloved of the Christ.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who guided and is guiding everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Spirit.

We believe that this one God in three persons, is present among us, working directly in our lives and the lives of all who are born into this world, striving to bring us back into harmony with all creation and with God: forgiving, healing, touching everyone, never rejecting any who willingly receive this freely offered gift of love and grace and eternal life. Amen.

*"A Creed" by Lisa

Frenz

Prayers of the Church

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

We do not always recognize your call, O Lord. Speak to us in ways we can comprehend, and show us what new adventure you have in store for your servants. Guiding God, **Hear our prayer.**

The world is slow to hear your message, even one of salvation. Use us in ways which reach the far corners of the earth with the good news of redemption and eternal life in you. Guiding God, **Hear our prayer.**

Make us good mentors for the youth in our care. Help us to raise them in your community and support their growing faith that they may find the ways in which you are calling them to give their lives in service. Guiding God, **Hear our prayer.**

You are ever sensitive to our fears, weaknesses, and crises of health and wellness. Extend your healing hand to us all, *especially...* Guiding God, **Hear our prayer.**

Join us with all who have heard your call in every age and followed you. Make of us one family of faith, undivided by time or space. Guiding God, **Hear our prayer.**

We thank you for bringing us so close that we can speak to you, and for loving us so much that you hear us when we pray. Gather up these petitions for the sake of Jesus our Lord.

Amen

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. Due to COVID, please stay in pews and greet neighbors with a wave or "peace sign" from your seat.



Offering Prayer

We are blessed to be your servants, Lord. We are ready to respond to your call to provide for others. Accept these gifts to further your work in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Blessing

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✝ one God, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Here I Am, Lord
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Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

So Send I You

John Peterson

Worship Leaders

Interim Pastor	Rev. Dave Daubert
Deaconess	Andrea Delaney
Assistant	Beth Quathammer
Organist	Matt Wahl
Guest Musician	Michael Fetzer
Radio Host (Sunday)	Frank Imhoff

Special Offerings

The October Newsletter	Is sponsored by Heather Friedel
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Note on Special Offerings

Please consider sponsoring Radio Hour (\$100), 7-Day Candle (\$8), Bulletins (\$25), or the Newsletter (\$50). **The Radio, printed bulletins for those who aren't online & unable to attend in person and the Newsletter are vital communication ministries during this time!**

Pastoral Care

If you need pastoral care please reach out to Chaplain David Rohlwing or Deaconess Andrea Delaney.

Chaplain David: home 847-695-2745 or email: dwrohlwing@att.net

Deaconess Andrea: cell 847-504-7029 or deaconessandrea@holyltrinityelgin.com

Our Tithes & Offerings

When we practice gratitude, we begin to understand that everything is a gift from God and we can praise God for the gifts we have received which, in turn, leads us to be generous stewards of those gifts. As we seek to gather an offering for the mission of Holy Trinity in these times, we thank you for your sustained giving and support!

Ways to Give to Holy Trinity

1. Drop your donation into the offering plate before or after worship
2. Mail a check to the church
3. Give online through our website: holyltrinityelgin.com
4. Give+ through Vanco – sign up on your phone (it's an APP)
5. Simply Giving – call the church to get signed up for a regular offering

Regular Offering last week was \$4,982

Announcements

With the continued rise in COVID cases in our state and county we ask that you continue the following if you come in-person to the church building: Wear a Mask; Wash hands/use hand sanitizer and Sit in the pews marked with the blue tape so we can stay socially distant.

On Communion Weekends please pick up an individual communion kit in the narthex on the way to your seat. Thank YOU!!!

Quarterly Congregational Forum

Next Sunday, October 24th at 10:30, right after worship we will hold our quarterly Congregational Forum. You may attend in-person or via Zoom. The link will be e-mailed out next week.

Holy Trinity Ministry Calendar

- Sun 10/17** Community Breakfast – 8:00 am in Lind Hall
Worship Service at 9:30 am
Sunday School for Children and Youth right after Worship
CROP Walk – Meet at church at 1pm, Walk begins at 2:00 pm
Soup Kettle – 2pm Set up; 5:30 dinner in Lind Hall
- Tue 10/19** Church Council Meeting – 6:00pm in Community Center
- Fri 10/22** Soup Kettle – 2pm Set up; 5:30 dinner in Lind Hall
- Sat 10/23** Worship Service at 5:00 PM
- Sun 10/24** Worship Service at 9:30 am
Sunday School for Children and Youth right after Worship
Congregational Forum – 10:30 am right after Worship
Soup Kettle – 2pm Set up; 5:30 dinner in Lind Hall

Saturday October 30th
Unity on Division Activities

NIFB Food Truck - 1:00 – 2:30pm

Northern Illinois Food Bank is bringing a mobile food truck for our neighborhood! If you would like to help pass out food, help people to their vehicle, or be host in Lind Hall, contact Jackie or Deaconess Andrea. This truck is sponsored by #unityondivision (CKI, KAC, and HTLC). HTLC is using some of the hunger grant given to us from the synod.

Harvest Party - 3:00 – 5:00pm

Games and Trunk or Treat! In conjunction with our neighbors at Kingdom Advancement Center and CKI. Help is needed: decorating your trunk with a non-scary theme and handing out candy, running a game, and/or donating candy. See Deaconess Andrea or Jackie to help!

Reformation Weekend October 30 & 31

Join us for special music (at both services) as we celebrate our Lutheran heritage & explore how God is STILL reforming the church!

Looking ahead to next week's lessons

October 23 & 24

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." ⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has

the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Psalm 51:10-14

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

¹⁴Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

John 7:24

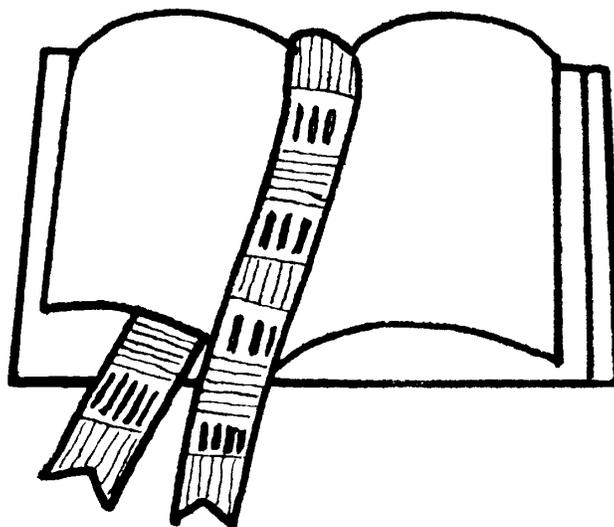
²⁴“Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”

Questions to ponder:

What word or phrase stands out to you in the readings?

What is God saying to the people in these readings? To Holy Trinity? To you?

If you could ask God one question about this story, what would it be?



Opening Hymn

Master, Speak, Thy Servant Heareth

1. Master, speak, Thy servant heareth,
waiting for Thy gracious word,
longing for Thy voice that cheereth;
Master, let it now be heard.
I am listening, Lord, for Thee;
What hast Thou to say to me?

3. Master, speak! though least and lowest,
let me not unheard depart;
Master, speak, for O Thou knowest
all the yearning of my heart,
knowest all its truest need;
Speak! and make me blest indeed.

4. Master, speak, and make me ready,
when Thy voice is truly heard,
with obedience glad and ready
still to follow every word.
I am listening, Lord, for Thee;
Master, speak! O, speak to me.

Francis Havergal (1836-79)

Hymn of the Day

Pass It On

1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it;
You spread His love to everyone, you want to pass it on.

2. What a wondrous time is spring-- when all the trees are budding,
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it;
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

3. I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found--
You can depend on God, it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know;
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

(Kurt Kaiser, 1969)



Closing Hymn

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love - a - love.