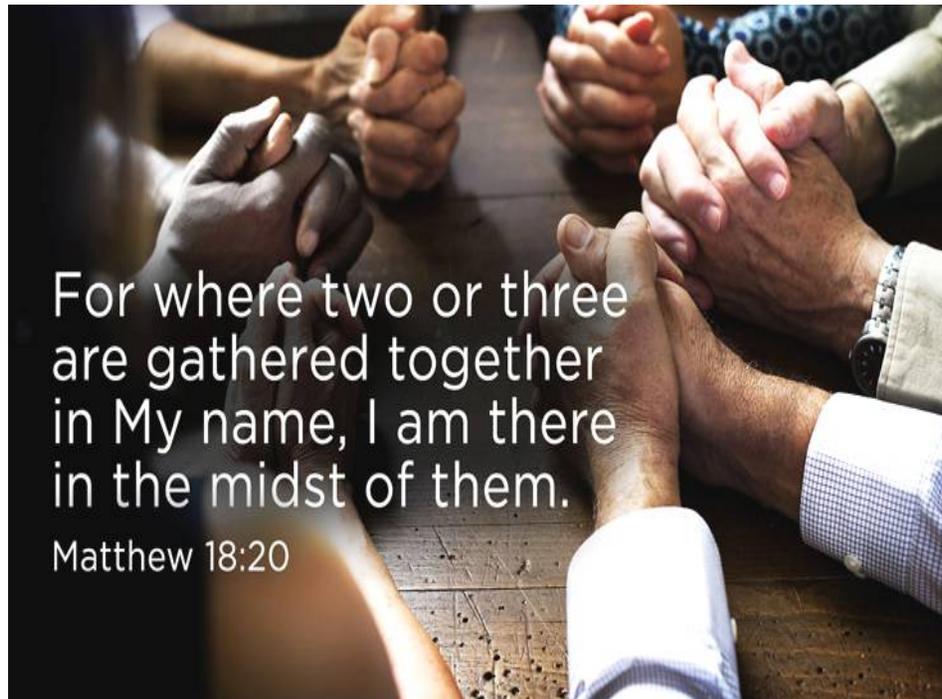


# SHEPHERD OF THE DESERT EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



## The Fourteenth Week after Pentecost September 5, 6, 2020

**Mission:**

*"Created, Redeemed and Called by God, we reach out to all, by sharing our gifts and the unconditional love of Jesus."*

**Vision:**

*"To be an intergenerational congregation that puts the Love of Christ into action from one generation to another and from our community to our world".*

# Welcome to Worship at Shepherd of the Desert

✠ Please stand as you are able when noted.

Prelude      “Sheep May Safely Graze” from Cantata 208      J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome and Ministry Moments      Pastor Daniel Defassio

## Confession and Forgiveness

P      Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C      Amen.**

A      In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

A      God our strength,

**C      we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us.**

**We put ourselves first and others last.**

**What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more.**

**Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite.**

**Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

**Amen.**

P      Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in † Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

**C      Amen.**

P      Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship...

## ✠ 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.**

### Prayer of the Day

- P O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

### 1st Reading

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God - who is about to attack Jerusalem - gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

#### **Ezekiel 33:7-11**

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

- L The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 119:33-40

- L <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way | of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it | to the end.
- C <sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with | all my heart.**
- L <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of | your commandments,  
for that is | my desire.
- C <sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to | your decrees  
and not to | unjust gain. R**
- L <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;  
give me life | in your way.
- C <sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise | to your servant,  
which is for | those who fear you.**
- L <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach | that I dread,  
because your judg- | ments are good.
- C <sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for | your commandments;  
by your righteousness en- | liven me. R**

## 2nd Reading

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

### **Romans 13:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

<sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

<sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L The Word of the Lord.      C **Thanks be to God.**

## ‡ Gospel Verse

P *Alleluia.* In Christ God was reconciling the world | to himself,

C **entrusting the message of reconcilia- | tion to us. *Alleluia.* (2 Cor. 5:19)**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 18th Chapter. C **Glory to you O God**

‡ Holy Gospel

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals - and the church as a whole - should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

**Matthew 18:15-20**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

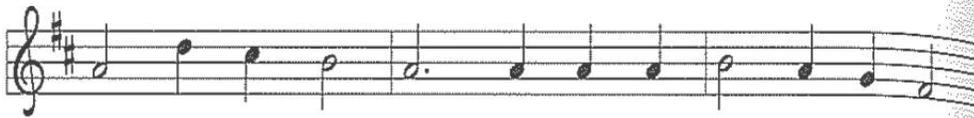
P The Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

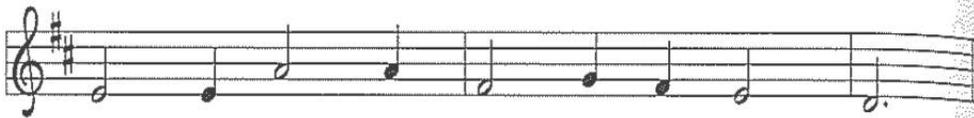
Pastor Daniel Defassio



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all  
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,  
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less  
 4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er  
 5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I  
 Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -  
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## ✠ Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 of the Gathered Community

A Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

A Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of churches in this community (*especially*). Strengthen ecumenical partnerships; guide the work of the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. Renew and enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, or pollution (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death. Shape new paths toward peace and cooperation, teaching us to recognize one another as neighbors. Guide legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward laws that protect the well-being of all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Tend to all in need of your compassion. Hear the cries of those awaiting justice and those yearning for forgiveness. Give community to the lonely and neighbors to the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection and power, until with them we see your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

### ☩ Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

**C And also with you.**

### Offering Prayer

A Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.

Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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 him thanks and praise.**

‡ Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

‡ Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

‡ Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life.  
We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared  
for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P In the night in which he was betrayed  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

‡ 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.

‡ Agnus Dei

L Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
C **have mercy on us.**  
L Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
C **have mercy on us.**  
L Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
C **grant us peace.**

The Communion

*Distribution - by continuous tables. All baptized Christians who believe Christ is truly present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion are welcome at Christ's table at Shepherd of the Desert. Please follow the directions of the ushers as you come forward to the altar rail by the center aisle. You may kneel if you are able. Gluten Free wafer are available...let the Pastor know by raising your index finger when served. Once you have been served, you then may return to your seat by the side aisles. You may also share your offerings as you come forward for Holy Communion. Railing cloths are a reminder that area is reserved for the infirmed and handicapped. During this time of the COVID-19 Virus, only the host will be shared. Lutherans historically believe you may receive both in one kind. It is proper to extend your hands, palms up, one on the other as a "throne" and the host will be placed on it.*

‡ Post Communion Prayer

A We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ.  
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever  
C **Amen.**

‡ Benediction

P May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.  
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

‡ Dismissal

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

‡ Postlude "March upon Handel's 'Lift Up your Heads'"

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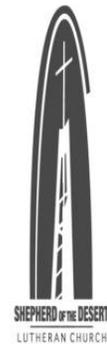
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## The Bible – Old Testament

### Daily Devotions - Week 9

#### **THEME: DAVID (Part 1)**

**DAILY DEVOTIONS:** In our studies, we learn about Samuel as a young boy. He heard a voice calling to him at night, but he wasn't sure what the voice meant. A wise old priest by the name of Eli told him to return to the quietness of his room and say, "Speak to me Lord, for your servant is listening." That is what daily devotions are. It is going to your room, being quiet, and praying, "Speak to me Lord, for your servant is listening." May we daily listen to the voice of God speak to us through the Word.

You know by now that daily devotions consist of four parts: 1. Opening prayer; 2. Bible reading; 3. Intercessory prayer of others; 4. The Lord's prayer. Then highlight the designated verses, reading carefully as you highlight. Then read the whole chapter. The verses that you are highlighting are important verses in the chapter.

**Day 1:** Read 1 Samuel 17. David and Goliath. Highlight 17:4-5, 14, 34-37, 47. Tell about David, lions and bears:

**Day 2:** Read 1 Samuel 18. Jonathan and David. Highlight 18:1, 3, 7, 14, How many did Saul kill?

**Day 3:** Read 1 Samuel 19. Saul seeks to kill David. Highlight 19:9-10. Tell how Saul tried to kill David:

**Day 4:** Read 1 Samuel 20; 21:10-15. Jonathan Delivers David. Highlight 10:17, 31. Tell about the friendship between Jonathan and David.

**Day 5:** Read 1 Samuel 24. David spares Saul's life. Highlight 24:6-7, What happened in the cave?

**Day 6:** Read 1 Samuel 25. David and Abigail. Highlight 25:2-3, 10-13, 36-38. How did Abigail save Nabal's soldiers?

**Day 7:** Read 1 Samuel 28:3-25. Saul Consults a Medium. Highlight 28:3, 7-9, 15, 18. Why did Saul consult a witch?

**Discussion Question:** Read 1 Samuel 16:7 How did parents go about judging someone by their heart? How does a person's physical appearance (clothing, looks) affect one's judgment about another?

Find the meaning of your name.