

FAITH AT HOME QUESTIONS:

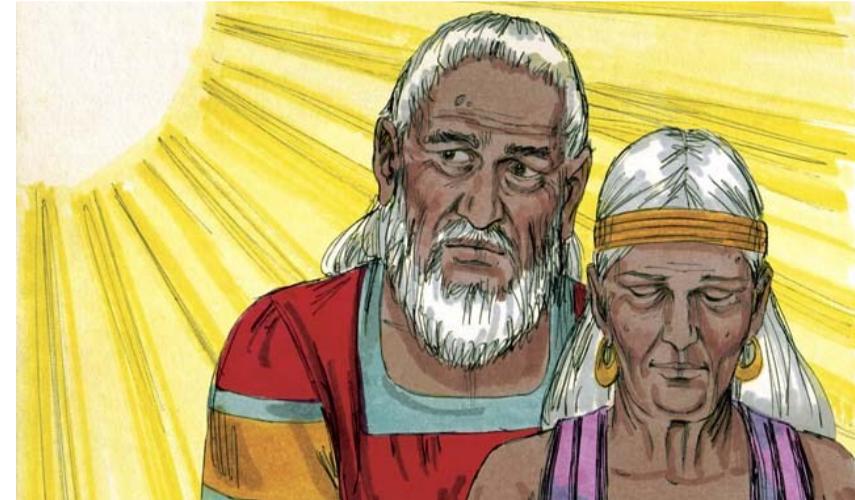
9/25/2022 Genesis 17-18, parts Abraham and Sarah's Visitors

1. Make up a name and a meaning for that name.
2. What is a promise that was made to you and kept? What promise have you made and kept?
3. How does your family show hospitality?
4. Take turns sharing something good. Laugh and be happy and remember God.

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Our Father's Lutheran Church



Sunday, September 25th, 2022

16th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO OFLC!

We are pleased that you decided to join us in worship this morning. We hope you'll feel at home here, and God's presence! We have a few helpful notes for you on the service to do that:

All hymns are in the red hymnal in the pew in front of you, or under your pew seat. You can find them using the number next to the hymn in the order of service.

The **bold** text indicates parts of the service where the whole congregation is invited to speak together.

Communion is celebrated using small, disposable kits with a wafer and juice. We are currently celebrating communion together at the rail, but if it feels safer, you also have the option to take communion in your pew. The pastor or worship leader will give more direction at that time.

Offering is not required to be with us in worship today, but we greatly appreciate any contribution you wish to make! If you wish to do so, you can place it in the basket at the end of your pew, or in the plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you need assistance, a service coordinator will be happy to help you!

Here at OFLC, we don't have pre-scheduled worship assistants. We allow folks to help out as the Spirit leads them, and that includes visitors as well! If you'd like to take part in worship, please see Pastor Aaron or a service coordinator before the service and they'll be happy to involve you!

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Engage & Confirm Kick-Off - Wednesday night @ 6:pm

Mark your calendars and keep the date -

Fall Fest/Trunk and Treat– Sat. Oct. 15th

OFLC FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE:

August Total Contributions:	\$	48,382
August General Fund Contributions:	\$	44,764
August Designated Funds Contributions:	\$	3,618
YTD General Fund Contributions Ahead/Behind:	\$	148 Ahead
Avg household giving per month to meet expenses:	\$	211
Avg household giving per month to restore general fund:	\$	218

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING & SENDING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

Interested in getting more news about what's going on at Our Father's Lutheran?
Contact our church office at 763-477-6300 or office@ourfatherschurch.org to be added to our monthly and weekly newsletters.

THIS WEEK AT OFLC:

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study: 10-11am

Bell Choir 5:30—6:30pm

Choir 6:30—7:30pm

Engage and Confirm Kickoff: 6pm.

Saturday:

Men's Group: 7:30am

Sunday:

Morning Worship: 9:00 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME & INSTRUCTIONS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we praise you for how much you love us, even though we may doubt and even laugh at your promises that seem impossible to us. May we have a childlike faith that trusts you always and allows us to walk in confidence that the love, grace and hope you give to us are eternal. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ +, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OPENING SONG

Baptized and Set Free

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1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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CLOSING SONG

WITNESS

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Build Us Up, Lord



1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our



us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
 lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our



ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
 doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.



Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
 Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us



guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
 bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us



world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
 sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.



Refrain
 Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in



faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your



word to spread the news of your Son!

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BUILD US UP
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LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

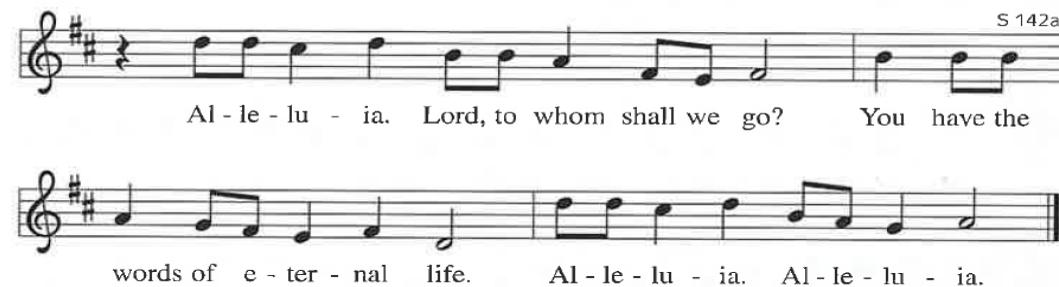
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FIRST READING

GENESIS 17:1-7; 18:1-15; 21:1-7

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

MARK 10:23-27

The Gospel, according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

23Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" **24**The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! **25**It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." **26**The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" **27**Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Pastor: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors: We present Liam Patrick Wold for baptism.

Pastor: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child/children* baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: As you bring Liam to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with *them* among God's faithful people, bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *them* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *them* in faith and prayer, so that *they* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Liam grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Liam in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Liam and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

Assembly: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Assisting Minister: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,

MUSIC MINISTRY/GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

During this time, if you wish to make a contribution to today's offering, you may do so by placing it in the basket at the outside end of the pew, and passing it to the inside of the pew, closest to the center of the sanctuary. Service coordinators will collect the offering and bring to the front at the conclusion of music ministry.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

At OFLC, we practice an open table. All are welcome to participate in receiving communion, for it is the Lord's Table, and the grace given through these communion elements is given freely by God. In this time of COVID, we are using prepackaged communion elements. The Pastor will give instructions as we observe the Sacrament safely. If you did not pick up a communion kit or need assistance with yours, please raise your hand when directed by the Pastor and one of our Worship Coordinators will assist you.

Baptismal Canticle (Folks are welcome to join in singing as the baptized, parents, sponsors, and kids in the congregation gather around the baptismal font):
**Take me to the water, take me to the water, take me to the water, to be baptized.
None but the righteous, none but the righteous, none but the righteous, shall see God.
I love Jesus, I love Jesus, I love Jesus, yes I do.**

Pastor: Liam Patrick Wold, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Liam Patrick Wold, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
Amen.

Assisting Minister: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

BLESSING

(Sponsors, parents, & others laying on hands)
Pastor: Let us pray. This laying of hands represents the tradition of imparting the Holy Spirit upon the baptized. Not only do we hope you feel the presence of God and Christ's Spirit, but also the spirit of those who have pledged to raise and nurture Liam in the Christian faith. At this time, we allow those laying on hands to pray their specifics hopes and blessings upon the baptized.

[Sponsors, parents, and others may offer specific blessings at this time]

WELCOME

Assisting Minister: Let us welcome the newly baptized.
All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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creator of heaven and earth.

Assisting Minister: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Assisting Minister: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM