



August 2, 2020

FAMILY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
“DAVID—THE UNTOLD STORIES”
“WAIT UNTIL THE MEN COME BACK”
FIRST SAMUEL CHAPTER 30



“DAVID... THE UNTOLD STORIES”

Was there ever a time when you were nearer to God than you are now? Was there ever a time when you read the Bible more and enjoyed it more than now? Was there ever a time when you prayed more and felt a deeper relationship with the Lord than now? If so, the Bible calls this backsliding. You have slid back from that high place of close intimacy with the Lord that you once had.

God's solution to backsliding is twofold. First of all, He always takes the initiative to pursue and stalk us. He works on our consciences and sends people to gently confront us whenever

we're drifting from Him. Secondly, He leads us to repent -- which is a change of heart and mind that leads to changes in our behavior and life. To repent means to stop, turn around, and go in the opposite (God's) direction.

If you are ready for a change, today's message from First Samuel chapter 30 is for you.

Pastor Keith

- Last week Governor Walz gave an executive order that masks are to be worn in public places throughout Minnesota to curb the spread of COVID-19. So our congregational leaders are asking that you wear a mask and practice safe social distancing in worship services and other meetings occurring at Family of Christ.
- For those who are not yet comfortable coming back to public worship services, the Lay Ministers and Pastors will be serving drive-by Holy Communion in both the East and South parking lots on Wednesday, August 12, from 6:00 to 7:00pm.
- Although the church office remains closed through August 31 (*and many of our Staff are working from home*), please contact Pastor Keith (763-438-7217) or other Staff members to schedule appointments to meet with them at the church.
- The Lay Ministers and Pastors will be calling our church families on Thursday, August 6, from 6:30 to 8:30pm to check on the spiritual, emotional and financial health of all our members and families. If you need any support or encouragement at this time, our Pastors and Staff are available to assist you.
- Thank you for all of your generosity to the Lord, His church and mission! We ended up our fiscal year (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020) in the black (*The budgeted for worship offerings was \$1,245,000; the actual worship offerings were \$1,316,820*). In addition, our mortgage total continues to consistently shrink because of your "Imagine the Possibilities" contributions. Our mortgage total now stands at \$3.69 million.



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Meet Jesus
Make Friends
Make a Difference

PRAYER

Here are some prayer requests for you to lift up to God every week

- Pray that Family of Christ will have a positive testimony in the community (Be known for compassion, love and grace).
- Pray for strong marriages and families, which are the basic building blocks of society.
- Pray that members of our church will have clear opportunities to build relationships and share the message of Jesus this week.
- Pray that visitors to our church will have a positive first experience and come back for more.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who participated in helping to make Rocky Railway on-line VBS a success. As a congregation, I ask that you continue to pray for the families in our community to grow closer to Jesus as they learn that Jesus' power pulls them through all the twists and turns in their lives as they hear the powerful stories in God's Word.

NOTE: All Rocky Railway media will continue to be available through August on the website.

TRINITY FIRST SCHOOL PROJECTS

Thank you for your wonderful support of Trinity First School, our Near Mission, over the last few, very challenging months! The entire staff greatly appreciates all the support Family of Christ gives the school and ministry. The school will reopen in a few weeks and there are many projects (moving furniture, painting, minor maintenance, deep cleaning, etc.) that can be done by individuals, couples, families, or lifegroups while socially distancing. If you can help, please contact Pete Mumford (763-229-9792 or pmumf94@gmail.com) to schedule a project and a time.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

If you would like to receive your July copy of "Portals of Prayer" to use for your daily devotions, a box has been placed outside of the Preschool entrance. They are also available on Sunday mornings inside the building.

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 Click [Online Giving](#)
 Or
 Mail Offerings to:
 Family of Christ
 16345 Polk St. NE
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LORD'S SUPPER BELIEFS AND PRACTICES

When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, He gave us a precious gift of God in which Christ gives us His true body and blood (in a miraculous way), together with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.

The Apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 11:28, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats and drinks of the cup."

Before attending the Lord's Supper, ask yourself the following questions:

- Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe Jesus, by His death offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
- Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (They are not merely symbolically present)
- Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?
- If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper.

For precautionary reasons during this COVID season, Lay Ministers will be distributing communion sets as you enter the worship service. Please do not open these sets until directed by the pastors. Nonalcoholic wine and gluten-free wafers are also available at your request.

COVID-19 WEBSITE PAGE

The page provides the current week's church online lessons and communications.

Just click on the Covid-19 Resource button on our home page and it will take you there. [Covid Resource Page](#)

CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER CHAIN

If you desire confidential prayers, email focpray4u@hotmail.com or contact Ginny Jorgenson at 763.433.9259