



Voluntary

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Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Rite

Entrance Hymn *All Stand.* The Hymnal 1982 – 494

Crown him with many crowns *Diademata*

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own;

awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began,
and ye, who tread where he hath trod,
crown him the Son of man;
who every grief hath known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.

3 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

4 Crown him of lords the Lord,
who over all doth reign,

who once on earth, the incarnate Word,
for ransomed sinners slain,
now lives in realms of light,
where saints with angels sing
their songs before him day and night,
their God, Redeemer, King.

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King, to whom is given
the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns,
as thrones before him fall,
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,
for he is King of all.

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Opening Acclamation

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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All: **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Song of Praise

All Stand.

See pew card

Glory to God

Marty Haugen

Refrain:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

I: Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

II: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God.

You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer. *Refrain*

I/II: For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. *Refrain*

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you,
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and
rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The people sit.

The First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 103:8-13

Please remain seated. The choir first introduces the antiphon, then the congregation joins the choir on its repetition each time.

ANTIPHON



The LORD is full of com - pas - sion and mer - cy, slow to an - ger and of great kind - ness.

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⁹ The Lord will not always accuse us, *

nor remain angry for ever.

¹⁰ The Lord has not dealt with us according to our sins, *

nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. **ANTIPHON**

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, *

so is the Lord's mercy great upon the God-fearing.

¹² As far as the east is from the west, *

so far has the Lord removed our sins from us.

¹³ As a father cares for his children, *

so does the Lord care for the God-fearing. **ANTIPHON**

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. or to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the

dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *All Stand.* The Hymnal 1982 – 665

All my hope on God is founded *Michael*

1 All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew,
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.

God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

2 Mortal pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
Though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.

But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

3 God's great goodness e'er endureth,
deep his wisdom passing thought:
Splendor, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of nought.

Evermore from his store newborn worlds rise and adore.

4 Daily doth the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.

5 Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising for the gift of Christ, his Son.
Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

All stand.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as

seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Mary Elizabeth Reese

The Nicene Creed

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Season of Creation Prayers of the People

Celtic

All remain standing.

Intercessor: We cannot restrict God to a building;

People: **The very earth and heaven cannot contain
God.**

Intercessor: God cannot be captured in books, for God is too mighty;

People: **God cannot be pressed between pages like a flower.**

Intercessor: God roams freely and comes to each of us;

People: **God hides within each of us, waiting to be found.**

Intercessor: God is present in all trials. *You are invited to pray for those who stand in special need today.* God waits to be discovered even in what is difficult, painful, and unknown.

People: **We need not travel to find God, for God is always close.**

Intercessor: Come, find God in the heart of what God has created. *You are invited to offer your thanksgivings.* Know that God is in your heart and with you always because God cares for you.

People: **God waits for you to turn, to seek, to listen.**

Intercessor: Pray for those you love and see no longer. They continue to teach, inspire, and call us to courage. *You are invited to pray for those who have died.*

People: **Discover that all is in the heart of God, and
God is in the heart of all. Amen.**

Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

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The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP p. 360

All stand

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

A note about receiving Holy Communion: In the Episcopal Church, we understand that Christ is “really present” in the bread and wine provided from God’s table. All who claim Christ as Lord are always welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in this church. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents.

Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Receive the consecrated wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand from the first person who comes to you. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms down. Wine may be received by lightly dipping the bread into the small cup in the center of the plate/paten from which you received the bread. Alternatively, you may choose to drink from the larger cup/chalice which the next person will offer you. Receive the consecrated wine by guiding the offered cup to your lips and sipping. Those who distribute the wine will wipe the chalice with a food safe sanitizer and turn it for the next person after each person receives. You may also decide to take the wafer only. If you choose not to receive

communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing as your presence is a blessing to all of us. Once you have been blessed or received communion, you may offer a short prayer and then return to your seat.

If physical limitations make it difficult to come forward, please let an usher know that we may have the honor of bringing communion to you.

Offertory Sentence

BCP p. 376

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Offertory Anthem

Just as a Father

Cherubini/arr. James Kirkby

Just as a father, full of compassion,
offers loving kindness unto all his children,
so the Lord is gracious to those who love him.

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Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

BCP p. 369

The People remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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Marty Haugen

Celebrant and People

See pew card

**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.

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The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection,

as we await the day of his coming.

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

The Great Amen

See pew card

The Lord's Prayer

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

See pew card

Marty Haugen

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on me.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on me.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

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Invitation

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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

A prayer for those joining online to be unified in Communion with Christ.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Hymns at Communion

Lord, make us servants of your peace The Hymnal 1982 – 593
Dickinson College

1 Lord, make us servants of your peace:
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.

2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.

4 May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.

5 Dying, we live, and are reborn
through death's dark night to endless day:
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
to wake at last in heaven's light.

“Forgive our sins as we forgive”

The Hymnal 1982 – 674

Detroit

1 ‘Forgive our sins as we forgive’
you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace

to live the words we say.

2 How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?

3 In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew,
how small the debts men owe to us,
how great our debt to you.

4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
and bid resentment cease;
then, reconciled to God and man,
our lives will spread your peace.

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Lay Eucharistic Minister Prayer *(as needed)*

Celebrant: In order that all may receive Holy Eucharist,
_____ will take the Eucharist to _____ today.

**All: In the name of this congregation, we send you
forth bearing these holy gifts that those to
whom you go may share with us in the**

**communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We
who are many are one body because we all
share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

The Post-Communion Prayer

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

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The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 – 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

Lobe den Herren

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:

join the great throng,

psaltery, organ, and song,

sounding in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:

borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.

Hast thou not seen

how all thou needest hath been

granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;

surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;

ponder anew

what the Almighty can do,

who with his love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!

Let the amen

sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.

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Dismissal

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Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Allegro maestoso, from *Sonata V, Op. 65, Nr. 5* Felix Mendelssohn

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**The flowers on the altar today are given by
Pat Wydra to the Glory of God and always remembering
Bob Wydra and Jeff Wydra.**

“No longer in our lives to share, but, in our hearts you’ll always be there.”

This Week's Announcements

Nursery for infants-3 year olds is provided every Sunday from 8:45 AM-12:30 PM.

Announcements during Sunday worship services are to be given by the Vestry Person of the Month (VPOM). *Please submit any content for verbal announcements to the VPOM.* The September VPOM is Don Foskey.

Youth Formation Starts Up TODAY Sunday, September 17! Sunday school for all ages starts at 10 AM. EYC "Backyard Kick-Off" Party is at 4:30 PM here at church. Questions? Contact Tiffany Fulton at tfulton@allsaintsconcord.org.

Children's Choirs rehearsals start on Tuesday, September 19. For Grades 1-3, St. Nicholas Choir meets on Tuesdays from 5:30-6 PM. For Grades 4 and up, Junior Choir meets on Tuesdays from 6-7 PM.

Men's Social Gathering on Wednesday, September 20 at 5:30 PM at Cabarrus Brewing Company, 329 McGill Ave NW, Concord. All men are invited. Questions? Contact Mark Robinson at mrobinson0982@gmail.com or Chuck Collier at cwcollierjr@gmail.com.

Newcomers Meet & Greet on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 10 AM in the Parish Hall. Learn about All Saints', meet clergy and ministry leaders, and mingle with other newcomers. RSVP to Karen Robinson at krobinson0982@gmail.com.

Cooperative Christian Ministry has an urgent need for our assistance. Please help by bringing shelf-stable food with you to church. CCM needs canned vegetables, fruits, soup, stew, chili, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, and mac and cheese. Donations can be brought to church.

Foyer Groups are forming! Sign up on the church website by October 1, 2023.

Prayer | Please let us know how to pray for you at allsaintsconcord.org/prayer-requests/.

Giving | Simply login to Realm!



Note on Today's Readings

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Year A

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church. We continue to read from the section of Matthew's Gospel, which deals with God's forgiveness and our role in extending God's forgiveness to all people. Peter asks Jesus how many times he is to forgive someone who wrongs him. In a parable, Jesus explains that God's forgiveness of us lays on us the obligations to forgive our brothers and sisters unconditionally.

In Genesis, we have the example of Joseph, who finds it within his person to forgive his brothers, despite the atrocities they perpetrated on him as a boy. He also provides us with an example of the way in which unexpected events can work for good in God's purpose.

In our final reading from Romans, Paul calls on Christians to refrain from judging one another. The differences between the ways various ones of us follow Christ are to be accepted. Our responsibility is to love God and each other.

We are a community marked by faith and obedience to God's Word. Our life reflects our relationship with God and our relationships with each other. We are to be a community marked by acceptance of all and by forgiveness. Not a gathering of perfected saints – we are, rather, a gathering of sinners who have known God's love and forgiveness and who in turn extend that love and forgiveness to all people.

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