

Confirmation Instruction – October 24, 2021 – God Calls David

Welcome

- Prayer
- Questions from last week’s class or readings?

Review

accepted	afraid	calling	Eli	experiences	failed	gifts	listening	Lord
prayer	punish	Samuel	sons	trustworthy	vocations			

The son of Hannah and Elkanah, _____ was a boy who ministered to the Lord at Shiloh. The priest there was named _____. One night, the boy heard someone _____ his name, so he ran to the priest and said, “Here I am.” But the priest said, “I did not call you. Go lie down.” This happened three times. Finally, the priest realized it was the _____ who was calling the boy. He told the boy, “Go, lie down; if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is _____.’” God had tough news to share with Samuel: God was going to _____ Eli’s house forever, because Eli’s _____ had blasphemed God, and Eli had _____ to restrain them. In the morning, Samuel was _____ to tell Eli what God had said, but Eli insisted. Eli _____ the message from God that Samuel shared with him. As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him, and Samuel was known as a _____ prophet of the Lord.

As baptized children of God, we all have _____, that is, God calls all of us to serve our neighbor. The Holy Spirit gives us spiritual _____, which we can use to live out our calling. We can discern how God is calling us through _____ and conversation. We can also notice how our passions, abilities, personality, and _____ shape us to serve.

Law and Gospel in Today’s Reading

	Law (What is the problem? What are people supposed to be doing?)	Gospel (What is God doing for us?)
1 Samuel 16:1-13		

Discussion Questions

- What faith practices do you see in the story of God calling David?
- What does this story say to you about making judgments based on age or appearances?
- Samuel anointing David with oil and the coming of the spirit of the Lord might remind us of baptism. In what ways do you experience the Holy Spirit coming to you at baptism and “from that day forward”?

Illustration of Upcoming Sunday Readings

- October 31: *Solomon’s Temple*. 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13
- November 7: *God Speaks to Elijah*. 1 Kings 19:1-18
- November 14: *Amos: Justice Rolls Down*. Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24
- November 21: *Isaiah: A Child Is Born*. Isaiah 9:1-7
- November 28: *Jeremiah’s Letter to Exiles*. Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14
- December 5: *Ezekiel: Valley of Dry Bones*. Ezekiel 37:1-14
- December 12: *Word Accomplishes God’s Purpose*. Isaiah 55:1-13
- December 19: *Word Made Flesh*. John 1:1-18
- December 26: *A Voice in the Wilderness*. John 1:19-34

Daily Readings:

- *Monday* – 2 Samuel 1:1-27
- *Tuesday* - 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5
- *Wednesday* - 2 Samuel 7:1-29
- *Thursday* - 2 Samuel 12:1-24
- *Friday* - 1 Kings 1:28-40
- *Saturday* - 1 Kings 3:3-28
- *Sunday, October 31* – 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13 (Reformation Day/Solomon’s Temple)



Seven Key Faith Practices for Christian Disciples Worship | Pray | Study | Serve | Give | Invite | Encourage

About the image: Relief at the historical building Dum U Samuela in Prague, High Priest Samuel anointing David as King of Israel. Photographed by Palauenc05, July 11, 2021.

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