

Confirmation Instruction – October 31, 2021 – Solomon’s Temple

Welcome

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

Review (see 1 Samuel 16:1-13)

all	chosen	David	heart	horn	Jesse	kill	sacrifice	Samuel	Saul	sheep	sons
spirit	youngest										

God told _____ to fill his _____ with oil. God sent him to visit _____ in Bethlehem, to anoint a new king to replace _____. Samuel was afraid that the king would _____ him if he found out. God told Samuel to take a heifer to offer a _____. Samuel invited Jesse and his _____ to the sacrifice. Samuel thought God had chosen Jesse’s son Eliab to be the new king, but God told him, “People look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the _____.” Samuel said about seven of Jesse’s sons, “The Lord has not _____ any of these,” and he asked Jesse, “Are _____ your sons here?” Jesse told him that his _____ son was keeping the _____. When _____ was brought in, God told Samuel, “This is the one.” Samuel anointed him with oil, and the _____ of the Lord came mightily upon him.

Key Events Between 1 Samuel 16 and 1 Kings 5

- David defeats the Philistine warrior, Goliath, with a stone shot from his sling.
- David serves as Saul’s armor-bearer and soothes him by playing his lyre. Saul grows jealous of David as his reputation as a warrior grows. Saul plots to kill David.
- David goes on the run and gathers 600 men to fight with him. Twice, he has an opportunity to kill Saul, but he spares his life. Saul dies in battle with the Philistines.
- War ensues between the house of David and the house of Saul. The tribes of Israel finally accept David as king. David brings the ark of God to Jerusalem.
- The prophet Nathan tells David that David’s son will build God’s house. God will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.
- Nathan chastises David for taking Uriah’s wife, Bathsheba, and having Uriah killed. The first son of David and Bathsheba dies. Solomon is their second son.
- Absalom and Sheba revolt against David. David lives to old age. David has promised Bathsheba that Solomon will succeed him as king. Zadok anoints Solomon as king.
- Solomon asks God for an understanding mind to govern God’s people. God gives him wisdom, plus riches and honor.

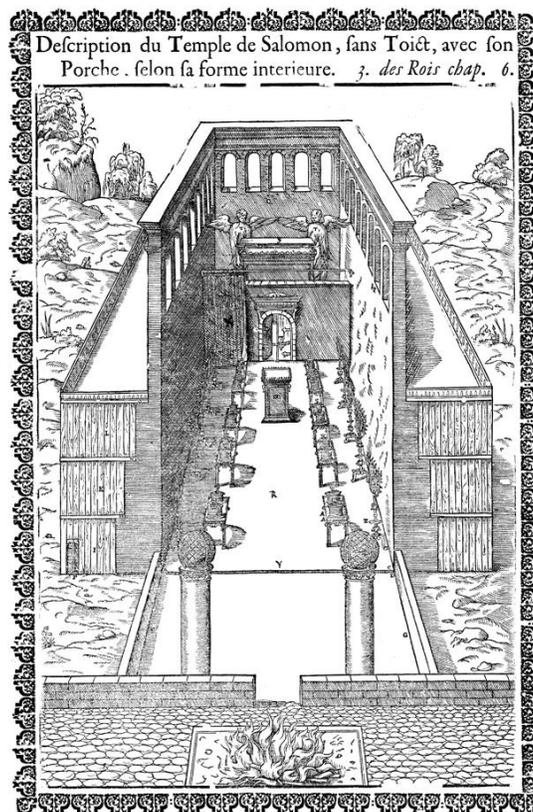
Solomon’s Temple

- Examine illustrations:
 - The Ark of the Covenant. *The Lutheran Handbook*, p. 184.
 - Solomon’s Temple. *The Lutheran Handbook*, p. 185.
- Read 1 Kings 5:1-5.

- How long is your cubit? Measure from your elbow to the end of your longest finger.

- What are the length and width of our classroom in cubits? _____
- Is our classroom bigger or smaller than Solomon’s temple? (Temple: 20 cubits wide, 60 cubits long, plus 10 cubits for the vestibule, 30 cubits high)

- Solomon conscripts 30,000 laborers, in shifts of 1 month working on the temple, 2 months at home.
- Materials: stone walls, cedar paneling, gold overlay, olivewood doors.
- Seven years later, the temple is finished.
- Read 1 Kings 8:1-13.



*About the picture: A depiction of Solomon’s Temple from a 1666 edition of a book written by Jean Leclerc (1573-1627), *Figures des histoires de la Sainte Bible, accompagnees de briefs discours.**

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 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13		

Discussion Questions

- What faith practices did you notice in the reading?
- Solomon built the temple as “an exalted house, a place for [God] to dwell in forever.” Where does God live?
- The Israelites were expected to go to the temple to worship God. Where can we worship God?
- How does the reading from 1 Kings 5 and 8 resonate with our observation of Reformation Day?
 - How is the church reforming today?
 - Where does the church still need reforming?

Daily Readings

- *Monday* – 1 Kings 11:1-13
- *Tuesday* - 1 Kings 11:41-43; 12:1-19
- *Wednesday* - 1 Kings 16:1-28
- *Thursday* - 1 Kings 16:29-34
- *Friday* - 1 Kings 17:1-24
- *Saturday* - 1 Kings 18:20-46
- *Sunday, November 7* – 1 Kings 19:1-18 (God Speaks to Elijah)