

REUBEN

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JUDAH

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EPHRAIM

MANASSEH

BENJAMIN

12

8:30 AM ~ AUGUST 19, 2018

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” [LSB 576]

OPENING LITURGY [p. 158]

RESPONSE “This is the Feast” [p. 161]

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Genesis 48:10-22** [NIV]

¹⁰Now Israel’s eyes were failing because of old age, and he could hardly see. So Joseph brought his sons close to him, and his father kissed them and embraced them. ¹¹Israel said to Joseph, “I never expected to see your face again, and now God has allowed me to see your children too.” ¹²Then Joseph removed them from Israel’s knees and bowed down with his face to the ground. ¹³And Joseph took both of them, Ephraim on his right toward Israel’s left hand and Manasseh on his left toward Israel’s right hand, and brought them close to him. ¹⁴But Israel reached out his right hand and put it on Ephraim’s head, though he was the younger, and crossing his arms, he put his left hand on Manasseh’s head, even though Manasseh was the firstborn.

⁵Then he blessed Joseph and said, “May the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked faithfully, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, ¹⁶the Angel who has delivered me from all harm —may he bless these boys. May they be called by my name and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and may they increase greatly on the earth.” ¹⁷When Joseph saw his father placing his right hand on Ephraim’s head he was displeased; so he took hold of his father’s hand to move it from Ephraim’s head to Manasseh’s head. ¹⁸Joseph said to him, “No, my father, this one is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head.” ¹⁹But his father refused and said, “I know, my son, I know. He too will become a people, and he too will become great. Nevertheless, his younger brother will be greater than he, and his descendants will become a group of nations.” ²⁰He blessed them that day and said,

“In your name will Israel pronounce this blessing: ‘May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh.’” So he put Ephraim ahead of Manasseh. ²¹Then Israel said to Joseph, “I am about to die, but God will be with and take you back to the land of your fathers. ²²And to you I give one more ridge of land than to your brothers, the ridge I took from the Amorites with my sword and my bow.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia” [p. 164]

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:1-8 [NIV]

¹The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ²and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

⁵So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?” ⁶He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’ ⁸You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

APOSTLES’ CREED

SERMON HYMN “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” [LW 220]

SERMON “EPHRAIM”

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Peace, Comfort, and Healing: Janette Young’s mother**-in ICU and waiting tests results; **the family of Doris Permenter** (wife of Mike) former members of Peace-passed away August 9.

•**Wisdom and Courage: Elected Officials and Military.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

THE LORD’S SUPPER

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Aria”

Paul Manz

Organ

“Take My Life and Let It Be” [LSB 784]

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” [LW 247]

POSTLUDE “Fugue on NUN FREUT EUCH”

John Behnke

SERMON: *Rev. James Mueller*
LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*
GUEST ORGANIST: *Susan Fuchs*

CONNECT *Mark your calendars!*

MEN

- **Men’s Night – Fish Fry | Tuesday, August 21 | 6-7:30pm | FH | Register Online**

YOUTH

- **Confirmation 2018-19 | Deadline to Register: August 19**
 - Informational Meeting | August 22 | 7-8pm | Youth Rec
 - Beginning Date | September 12 | 7-8:30pm | Youth Rec
- **Middle School Youth Group | Beginning Wednesday, September 12 | 6-7pm**
 - Youth Rec will be open at 5:30pm – bring your dinner and hang out
- **High School Group | Beginning Sunday, September 16 | 6-8:30pm**
 - 1st & 3rd Sundays in Youth Rec
 - 2nd & 4th Sundays @ Kindred Coffee
- **NYG Garage Sale | Saturday, September 22 | 8am-Noon | Help raise \$\$\$ for NYG**
 - Donated items can be dropped off at the following times:
 - Sunday, September 16: 7am-1pm (Youth Rec)
 - September 17-September 20: 10am-2pm (Sanctuary Foyer)

ADULT

- **Financial Peace University | Beginning Saturday, September 15**
 - This is a 9-week course | Fellowship Hall | Sessions begin at Noon
 - Register Online: First-time participants - \$119 | Graduates are free
 - Contact Person: Michael Higdon (mhigdontexas@gmail.com)