

A woman wearing a blue and white patterned hijab is seen from behind, looking out over a desert landscape. To her left is a large, layered rock formation. To her right is a tall palm tree. The background shows rolling sand dunes under a blue sky with light clouds. The name 'Deborah' is written in a blue serif font on a yellow banner across the lower part of the image.

# Deborah



# St. Michael

## Lutheran Church

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

## WELCOME!

- ❖ **INFORMATION CENTER:** Are you interested in Bible classes, Sunday School, youth activities or our J.O.Y. Group senior adult ministry? Stop by the Information Desk in the lobby—we want to meet and help you.
- ❖ **GUEST and HANDICAP PARKING:** For your convenience, parking is located across from the main church entrance and the west entrance door (4).
- ❖ **AUTOMATIC DOORS:** Two sets of automatic doors are available. One is located on the west entrance door (4) and the other is located on the main doors (2).
- ❖ **LISTENING DEVICES** for those who have difficulty hearing the service are available at the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary.
- ❖ **TODAY'S SERMON IS AVAILABLE ONLINE**, along with prior sermons and Bible studies, at [stmfw.org/sermons](http://stmfw.org/sermons).
- ❖ **ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE** at [stmfw.org/giving](http://stmfw.org/giving).
- ❖ **WE VALUE YOUR ATTENDANCE:** Please complete a connect card or visit [stmfw.org/iamhere](http://stmfw.org/iamhere).

### St. Michael loves new parents and small children!

- ❖ **WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP**, but if you need it, a nursery for children under age 5 is located in Room 24B. Please ask an usher for directions.
- ❖ **THE CRY ROOM** is our lobby. Please pull up a chair so that you may watch and listen to our worship service.
- ❖ **BUDDY BAGS** are available for small children in the lobby. You may pick one up prior to service and return on your way out. Enjoy!
- ❖ **CHANGING TABLES** are located in the family and women's restrooms adjacent to the lobby.
- ❖ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** is for children 5 and under during the sermon at the 10:45a worship.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
April 14, 2024

WELCOME

OPPORTUNITIES

**Theme of the Day:** As we focus on various Old Testament characters this year in our worship services, there are a number of women who played a significant role in the Old Testament narrative. Deborah was the only female judge mentioned in the Old Testament.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 147

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Reflecting on the gift of the resurrection this Easter season, we express our praise to God for all His goodness, turning to the words of Psalm 147: “How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him!

C: **He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds.**

P: Great is our Lord and mighty in power;

C: **His understanding has no limit.**

P: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

C: **make music to our God.**

P: The Lord delights in those who fear Him,

C: **who put their hope in His unfailing love.**

All: **Praise the Lord.**

HYMN

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven  
(stanzas 1-2)

793

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: It is good for us to come before the Lord today in humble confession. For we have not always lived our lives in Christ as we should. Therefore, let us confess our sins and receive His forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ. Almighty God, Heavenly Father,

C: **I confess that I have not always lived my life as You desire. I have given in to temptations. I have not always been strong in my faith. Instead of offering You thanks for all Your good gifts, I often grumble and complain. Forgive my sins and grant me once again Your grace this day. Cleanse my heart and fill me with Your Holy Spirit, that I may walk in the way of my Lord and bring honor to Your name.**

*(silence for personal confession and self-reflection)*

P: Friends in Jesus, your heavenly Father is full of mercy and His love never fails. He has sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life on earth for each of us and to die on the cross as the punishment for our sins. Risen from the dead, Jesus comes to you today with new grace and forgiveness. Therefore, I announce to you today the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**HYMN** Praise My Soul the King of Heaven **793**  
(stanzas 3-4)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Almighty and every-living God, You make us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable in Your sight. May Your Holy Spirit ever guide us and direct us in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word that we may bring glory to Your holy name through Jesus Christ, our Lord in whose name we pray.

All: **Amen.**

<b>FIRST READING</b>		<b>Judges 4:4-10, 17-24</b>
<b>SONG 8:00a</b>	God of Grace	<b>Harmony Ringers</b>
<b>10:45a</b>	Shepherd's Peace	<b>Resound</b>
<b>GOSPEL READING</b>		<b>Luke 24:36-49</b>

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN** The Lord My God be Praised **794**  
(stanzas 1-4)

**SERMON** **Pastor Shawn**

**APOSTLES' CREED 8:00a/NICENE CREED 10:45a**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** **Harmony Ringers and Resound**

**EIGHTH GRADE CONFIRMATION TESTIMONY 8:00a**  
*Jaden Hoover* whose confirmation verse is Philipians 4:13.

**PRAYERS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 10:45a

### PREFACE/PROPER PREFACE

**SANCTUS** (sung to the tune of *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*)

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION/THE PEACE OF THE LORD

**AGNUS DEI** (sung to the tune of *O Sons and Daughters*)

### COMMUNION HYMNS

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	549
The Lamb	547
How Great Thou Art	801
Abide, O Dearest Jesus	919
Praise the Almighty	797

**POST COMMUNION** (sung to the tune of *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*)

### BENEDICTION

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you, and give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

### HYMN

Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer  
(stanzas 1-3)

918

### SILENT PRAYER

Heavenly Father, continue to speak into my life and help me listen, that I may show Jesus to others through my life. Amen.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT

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April 13/14



## **TOWN HALL QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION—April 14 at 9:30a**

The Governance Task Force is listening and learning so much from our Town Hall Meetings! Thank you so much for attending, your insightful questions and encouragement. Join us at a question and answer session on Sunday, April 14 at 9:30a as we review revised bylaws and possible policy templates.

## **CONGREGATIONAL DINNER AND MEETING—Sunday, April 28 at 4:30p**

Join us in celebrating our “Identity in Christ” at our second **70th Jubilee event**. This family event will include an hour of fun, family oriented activity, a meal beginning at 5:30p, and our regularly scheduled voters’ meeting beginning at 6:00p. Childcare will be provided during the voters’ meeting for families with young children. We will acknowledge how we are uniquely gifted by God as individuals, how we collectively are the body of Christ at St. Michael, and we will celebrate our identity in Christ.

## **WHO'S WHO AT ST. MICHAEL? PHOTO BOOTH FUN!**

Did you know that you can put your picture in our database, Fellowship1Go? Your picture in the database makes it more usable for our congregation. Throughout the month of April, check out the photo booth where you and your family can get your picture put directly into the database. No need to sign up ahead of time! Stop by on a Saturday or Sunday before or after worship and we will take your picture and upload it into the database. You can also select your own picture to upload by signing into <https://stmfv.fellowshiponego.com/> and selecting your own profile.

## **GO AND SERVE**

Join us Saturday, April 27 from 9:00a-12:00p

Please register at [stmfv.org/events](http://stmfv.org/events) to help:

- The Shepherd's Hand Outreach Center →
- Camp Lutherhaven
- St. Michael prepare for Confirmation and VBS

**Can you donate baby wipes?  
Please leave them outside  
the church office! Thank you!**

## **SPRING ADULT BIBLE STUDY—continuing April 21 in the gym**

We will finish out our Spring season of the Adult Bible Class in the gym with a survey study of several Old Testament books covering some of the Old Testament characters we are highlighting in worship. Rev. Jonathan Meyer, Shepherd of the School for ESM, will be leading our study from April 21 – May 19 covering the books of Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel.

## **APRIL/MAY: NATIONAL STRESS AND MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTHS**

The Lutheran Foundation’s Mental Health Toolkit contains everything you need to promote mental wellness throughout the year. Some of the highlights include: a Bible study on resiliency, a Mental Health Inclusion Ministry Strategic Planning Tool, the audio file for the hymn “Father of Body, Mind, and Spirit.” **Click here** for this free downloadable resource. Additional resources are available in the 2022 Mental Health Toolkit which you can access by clicking here.

## **ST. MICHAEL MENTAL HEALTH SERIES—April 16 at 6:30**

The final presentation this Spring in our community mental health series is titled, “**Faith, Hope & Healing: Suicide Prevention in the Faith Community**” with Alice Jordan from the Behavioral Health and Family Studies Institute at Purdue University Fort Wayne. Alice is active in the Indiana Suicide Prevention Coalition, the Indiana State LOSS Team Network and is a QPR Master Trainer in suicide prevention. Her presentation will focus on increasing awareness, establishing healthy networks, and providing practical strategies for suicide prevention.

## **SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING—Thursday, April 18, 6:00p-8:00p**

Join us in Luther Hall for this important life-saving training presented by Alicia Levitt of The Lutheran Schools Partnership. **Question, Persuade, and Refer** training enables you to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to help. This free training is limited to 30 people. **Register at [stmfw.org/register](http://stmfw.org/register).**

## **LOCAL YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES**

Join us for an informative and interactive panel presentation by local leaders on the topic of “Local Youth Mental Health Resources” on Tuesday, April 30 from 9:00a to 12:00p at Peace Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Come learn about the services and resources provided in the Fort Wayne area which can support youth and their families in northeast Indiana. Please register by April 25 using this **link**.

## SAVE THE DATE for VBS! Breaker Rock Beach June 17-21



At *Breaker Rock Beach VBS*, kids will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love.

### JOIN THE VBS DECORATING COMMITTEE!

The fun is beginning! Join us in Luther Hall on **April 20 from 9:00a-4:00p** to make decorations for the big event in June! Questions? Contact Carrie Gould at [carrie.gould1137@yahoo.com](mailto:carrie.gould1137@yahoo.com).

### YOUTH NEWS!

#### MIDDLE (4:00p-6:00p) and HIGH SCHOOL (6:00p-8:00p)

Future Youth Nights include April 21.

**High School Food and Fellowship at Electric Works** – Join us April 16 from 6:00p-8:00p for amazing food, games, and a Lenten devotion.

"**Confirmation Connect**" is a time for 8th grade students and parents to meet with DCE Emma, play games, have snacks, and get to know one another. "Connect" is every Tuesday from 3:00p - 5:30p at Union Street Market at Electric Works.

### PARENT'S NIGHT OUT! KID SITTING OPPORTUNITY!

On May 10 from 6:00p-9:00p, drop off children 2 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and enjoy a night out! This is a free-will offering/fundraiser to support our St. Michael Youth 2024 Servant Event. Children will enjoy a night of games, snacks, and fun! To sign up or ask questions please email DCE Emma at [emma@stmfw.org](mailto:emma@stmfw.org).



### SPRING CLEANING HELP AVAILABLE!

The St. Michael Youth would like to help you with your Spring Cleaning! Contact DCE Emma at [emma@stmfw.org](mailto:emma@stmfw.org) with any of your spring cleaning needs. This event will be a fundraiser for our youth heading to North Carolina this summer and for the 2025 National Youth Gathering. We want to help serve you as you have supported our youth!





## **ST. MICHAEL WEEKEND AT CAMP LUTERHAVEN!**

9:00a on Saturday, June 8 to 1:00p on Sunday, June 9

We are so excited to gather for a weekend in God's creation at Camp Lutherhaven! **Come for the entire weekend, Saturday only, or Sunday only...whatever works best for you.** Enjoy canoe races, camp games, messy science, and of course campfire devotions! Registration will open soon at [stmfw.org/events](http://stmfw.org/events). This weekend is open to all. If you have unique circumstances or questions, please reach out to Celine Newman at [celine@stmfw.org](mailto:celine@stmfw.org).

## **J.O.Y GROUP EVENTS**

Join us **Thursday, May 9 at noon** for MOVIE DAY and lunch. Cost is \$5. Please reserve your spot by calling Penny at 580-8730 by May 1.

## **ESTATE PLANNING**—Thursday, May 2 at 11:30a and 6:30p

Do you realize that approximately 70% of Americans don't have a will or estate plan? Typical goals in estate planning include topics like: guardianship for minor children, financial provisions for spouse and children, identifying power of attorney for health care and finances, designating your charitable gifts, and more. It's never too early to make arrangements for your family's security and legacy with an estate plan. Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) provides congregational "Ask the Expert" workshops. Diana Raasch, Director of Donor Relations and Gift Planning for LCEF will be here **May 2 (11:30a and 6:30p)** to facilitate a panel presentation that includes St. Michael members: Estate Attorney Mark Witmer, Certified Financial Planner Chip Olson, St. Michael Foundation Advisor Ron Menze, and Pastor Goff. A box lunch is provided at 11:30a and refreshments at the 6:30p session, so **please register at [stmfw.org/events](http://stmfw.org/events).**

## **PRAYING FOR OUR NATION**

Prayer is powerful! Please join us on April 17 and each first and third Wednesday of the month at 1:00p to pray for our nation. Starting on August 21-November 5 we will meet weekly to pray for the election.

## **APRIL MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS**—God's Blessings!

Marge Ball, 4/5, 83; Diane Jackson, 4/6, 81; Sue Starkey-Vusich, 4/6, 86; Shirley Fahlsing, 4/8, 89; Virgil Brockmann, 4/9, 87; Dave Jackson, 4/11, 84; Melvin Kiessling, 4/12, 80; Charlotte Kiessling, 4/12, 80; and Jim Reiter, 4/19, 81.

## **HOLY COMMUNION IN THE PEW**

If you would you like to receive Holy Communion in the pew, please contact the church office so we can keep a running list for the Elders. Also, please mention your desire each Communion service to an usher or Elder.

## **CHECK OUT CAMP LUTHERHAVEN!**

Camp Lutherhaven has so many fun activities, including boating, hiking, making crafts, and so much more...available for those of all ages—from kindergarten through High School, even some for the whole family! Register online today at [www.lutherhaven.org](http://www.lutherhaven.org), or call for more information at 260-636-7101.

## **REDEMPTION HOUSE**

Redemption House is a network of transition homes for women who desire to redeem their lives from past destructive behavior by developing a faith-based lifestyle and by gaining the skills necessary to achieve and maintain success.

**St. Michael will celebrate this ministry in our worship services this summer.** We will also host a pancake breakfast to benefit their mission trip!

St. Michael will provide a meal and Christian community at Wayne Street and Fairfield Avenue on April 21. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, please contact Linda Chapman at 417-3052.

Join us at the **Butterfly Gala on Tuesday, April 23 from 5:00p-8:00p** at the Grand Wayne Center. We'll celebrate victories and achievements as evidence of God's favor on and provision for the Redemption House ministry. We'll also share our challenges and dreams. <https://e.givesmart.com/events/vws/>

## **"IMAGINE" FINE ARTS CAMP (FAC) JUNE 24-28 at St. Michael**

The Fine Arts Camp is a week-long summer day camp that provides an opportunity for youth to connect faith, creativity and community. The camp will be June 24-28 from 9:00a-3:30p with child care available before and after the camp. Participants will choose from electives including drawing, chimes, creative writing, drama, dance, sewing, fiber arts, and more! Register at <https://stmfw.org/fineartscamp>. The link also has Frequently Asked Questions, a daily schedule, cost, and more information about the electives that are offered. Hope to see you at FAC this summer!

## **MANY THANKS TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TAMMY BRUNS!**

In her position on our church staff for the last seven years, Tammy has touched nearly every aspect of the daily operation of St. Michael's ministry. We have been blessed! St. Michael sends best wishes and God's blessings to Tammy as she begins a new position with Brotherhood Mutual. Over the next several weeks, please take time to express appreciation to Tammy for her valuable service to the ministry of our church. Her last day of work at St. Michael will be April 19, yet we are thankful that Tammy, her husband Rick and daughter Alexis will remain connected to St. Michael as their church family.

## **THE SHEPHERD'S HAND COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER**

The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center located at 1231 S. Anthony Blvd. is an LCMS organization that seeks opportunities to enhance health and wellness for community members in southeast Fort Wayne. By providing healthy cooking classes, distributing diapers, and connecting people to services through quarterly health fairs, Shepherd strives to fulfill the mission of *'reaching out in the city by caring for the Shepherd's people, daring to be the Shepherd's hands, and sharing the Shepherd's love.'* **St. Michael will celebrate this ministry in our worship services on April 27/28.**

## **THE SHEPHERD'S HAND ANNUAL 5K WALK/RUN**—Saturday, May 4

Help raise funds for this vital ministry by participating in the 4th annual 5K walk/run held in the neighborhood surrounding the center. **Families** are encouraged to attend and enjoy a fun, healthy activity together! Registrations are \$25, and participants will receive a T-shirt as long as supplies last. Children 8 and under are free. If you are unable to participate in the race, you can support the ministry by sponsoring a race slot to benefit another participant or make a general donation. For more information and to sign up or donate scan the QR code!



## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE**

Saturday, April 6	111
Sunday, April 7	329
Livestream	142

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Our Lord invites to His table those who have been baptized, who repent of their sin, who believe Jesus Christ is their Savior, and who believe the body and blood of Jesus is really present together with the bread and wine. Anyone who is not yet instructed in the Christian faith or who has a differing belief are asked to first speak with one of the pastors. If you need communion delivered to where you are sitting, please notify an usher or elder before the service begins. Gluten free communion wafers are available by raising your index finger as communion is distributed signaling to the elder that you wish to receive a prewrapped gluten free wafer. Grape juice is available in the purple tinted cups located in the center of the tray of individual cups. Children or adults who have not yet been confirmed or instructed in the Lord's Supper are welcomed to come forward for a blessing placing their arms over their chest.

### SERVING AT ST. MICHAEL this weekend

Are you able to join a worship service team? Contact Tina Hoover at 432-2033 or [tina@stmfw.org](mailto:tina@stmfw.org).

<b>Greeters:</b>	TBD (5p); Tim and Marilyn Crum (8a); Jerry and Mary Nichols (10:45a)
<b>Lay Readers:</b>	TBD (5p); Jessica Krauter (8a); Alicia Levitt (10:45a)
<b>Children's Church:</b>	Macy Hendrickson (10:45a)
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Avery Meeks (5p); Ellianna Butler (8a); Riley McNamara (10:45a)
<b>Information Desk:</b>	Gloria Fahlsing (5p); Linda Kaufman Group (8a); Jan Fillmore (10:45a)
<b>Elders:</b>	Nathan Nix (5p); Mark Muntzinger (8a); Michael Kuhn (10:45a)
<b>Nursery:</b>	Emma Latin and Lexi Panning
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Jim Maxson; Debbie Waldick and Tina Hoover
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Carol Olry

Our altar flowers are given this weekend by John and Sue Baker in loving memory of their parents and Sue's brother. If you would like to remember a special person or occasion with flowers, please sign up on the poster outside the church office.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS for April 8-19

### **Monday, April 15**

8:30a Mom's Bible Study  
3:30p Grace Notes  
6:00p Harmony Ringers  
6:45p BSF Young Adults  
7:00p Men's Bible Study/Jones  
7:00p Resound

### **Tuesday, April 16**

1:00p PURLS  
1:00p J.O.Y. Bible Study  
6:30p Griefshare  
6:30p Mental Wellness Education  
7:00p Church Council  
7:00p Praise Team

### **Wednesday, April 17**

10:30a Men's Bible Study/Wickert  
1:00p Praying for our Nation  
6:30p Men's and Women's Choir  
7:00p Adult Choir

### **Thursday, April 18**

10:00a Book Club  
6:00p Suicide Prevention Training  
6:15p Puppet Practice  
6:30p Lower Rowers Men's Study  
7:00p Jubilant Fields Rehearsal

### **Friday, April 19**

8:00p Men's Basketball

### **Saturday, April 20**

9:00a VBS Decorating Team  
5:00p Worship

### **Sunday, April 21**

8:00a Worship/Holy Communion  
9:30a Sunday School/Adult Bible Study  
10:45a Worship  
4:00p Middle School Youth  
6:00p High School Youth

### **Monday, April 22**

3:30p Grace Notes  
6:00p Harmony Ringers  
6:45p BSF Young Adults  
7:00p Men's Bible Study/Jones  
7:00p Resound

### **Tuesday, April 23**

6:30p Griefshare  
7:00p Praise Team

### **Wednesday, April 24**

9:15a Coffee Break Bible Study  
10:30a Men's Bible Study/Wickert  
5:00p Building Task Force Meeting  
6:30p Men's and Women's Choir  
7:00p Adult Choir

### **Thursday, April 25**

6:15p Puppet Practice  
6:30p Lower Rowers Men's Study  
7:00p Jubilant Fields Rehearsal

### **Friday, April 26**

8:00a Lifeline  
8:00a ESM Coffee and Donuts  
8:00p Men's Basketball

## **PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**We are privileged to pray for each other.** Please notify the staff on your connect card or by email if you would like your prayer needs kept private. Otherwise, we will print them in this publication on a weekly basis.

### **Please pray for...**

- Tesa Lueken and for gaining employment
- Those who are mourning:
  - o Family of Audrey Meyers, whose funeral was this past week
  - o Dawit, whose friend was murdered in Ethiopia, and whose family still lives in the area where it is too dangerous to retrieve the body
- Those recovering from surgery or other medical procedures:
  - o Mike Beights – broken foot
  - o Kathy Magner – difficulty communicating
  - o Mike Rohrbach – eye surgery
  - o Scott Grover – recent surgery
  - o Cindy Kaszowski - hip replacement surgery
  - o Anita Thomas, neighbor - had knee replacement surgery
  - o Sheila, friend and colleague of Laura Goff - back surgery
  - o Brad Benner – continued healing from blood clot and COVID, recent rotator cuff surgery
  - o Alan Claus – health issues
  - o Arlene Lasley – continued healing, breathing and oxygen levels
- Those who continue to struggle with cancer
  - o Diana Guerrero, friend of Dean and Molly Kiefer
  - o Kate Ahlersmeyer, friend of Karen Hall
  - o Jan, friend of Dave and Kathy Trinklein
  - o Chris Huber, friend of the Briney family
  - o Randy LaFrentz, friend of Joel and Gretchen Weerts
  - o And all others we know suffering with cancer or treatments
- Continued prayers for Ashland Reiter; Joann Auman; Caroline Britt; Levi Smith; Sarah (daughter of Jerry and Mary Nichols); Charlie (son of Trisha Englert); Amber Afarin; Michelle and her family; Derrick Minnick; Marjorie Grace and Madison Leininger; Britt and unborn child (daughter-in-law of Debbie Waldick); Wayne Scrogam; John Ribar; Margaret Jones; Kristen Wetzler; Judy Pieper; Don and Kathy Magner; Brian Wielosinski; and Mason Leininger

## **WEEKLY READING PLAN for April 14-20, 2024**

### **Judges 2-6**

**Becoming** more like Jesus – growing in His Word

Intro to Judges (OliveTree.com *Olive Tree Bible Overview*)

Judges records the start of Israel's history in the promised land when the Israelites are organized in a loose configuration of tribes before an established monarchy. The tribes of Israel separated after Joshua's death to claim their inherited land and act independently rather than together as they were under Joshua's command during the conquests of Canaan. During this time, a series of leaders, called "judges," lead the people of Israel and, by God's power, countered the remaining Canaanite inhabitants and neighboring oppressors who threatened Israel's fidelity to their covenant with God.

As you read through the beginning chapters of the book of Judges, ask these two questions at the conclusion of your reading:

- What does this narrative tell me about God?
- What does this tell me about the world around me?

**Judges 2:16-3:6** | Why did God raise up judges?

**Judges 3:7-31** | The first three judges

**Judges 4** | Deborah

**Judges 5** | Song of victory

**Judges 6:1-10** | What happens next?

## Today's Sermon Notes

"Listening to God"

Judges 4:4-6

**JUDGING:** \_\_\_\_\_ way

\_\_\_\_\_ way

*"Then the LORD raised up judges..."*

Judges 2:16

**ISRAELITES:**

**DEBORAH:** \_\_\_\_\_ to God

*"Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time."*

Judges 4:4

**HOW ARE WE:** \_\_\_\_\_ to God

*"You are witnesses of these things."*

Luke 24:48