

Joshua 24

24 Then Joshua summoned all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, including their elders, leaders, judges, and officers. So they came and presented themselves to God.

² Joshua said to the people, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: Long ago your ancestors, including Terah, the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River, and they worshiped other gods. ³ But I took your ancestor Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him into the land of Canaan. I gave him many descendants through his son Isaac. ⁴ To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. To Esau I gave the mountains of Seir, while Jacob and his children went down into Egypt.

⁵ “Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I brought terrible plagues on Egypt; and afterward I brought you out as a free people. ⁶ But when your ancestors arrived at the Red Sea, the Egyptians chased after you with chariots and charioteers. ⁷ When your ancestors cried out to the Lord, I put darkness between you and the Egyptians. I brought the sea crashing down on the Egyptians, drowning them. With your very own eyes you saw what I did. Then you lived in the wilderness for many years.

⁸ “Finally, I brought you into the land of the Amorites on the east side of the Jordan. They fought against you, but I destroyed them before you. I gave you victory over them, and you took possession of their land. ⁹ Then Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab, started a war against Israel. He summoned Balaam son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰ but I would not listen to him. Instead, I made Balaam bless you, and so I rescued you from Balak.

¹¹ “When you crossed the Jordan River and came to Jericho, the men of Jericho fought against you, as did the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. But I gave you victory over them. ¹² And I sent terror ahead of you to drive out the two kings of the Amorites. It was not your swords or bows that brought you victory. ¹³ I gave you land you had not worked on, and I gave you towns you did not build—the towns where you are now living. I gave you vineyards and olive groves for food, though you did not plant them.

¹⁴ “So fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord alone. ¹⁵ But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? **But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”**

¹⁶ The people replied, “We would never abandon the Lord and serve other gods. ¹⁷ For the Lord our God is the one who rescued us and our ancestors from slavery in the land of Egypt. He performed mighty miracles before our very eyes. As we traveled through the wilderness among our enemies, he

preserved us. ¹⁸ It was the Lord who drove out the Amorites and the other nations living here in the land. So we, too, will serve the Lord, for he alone is our God.”

¹⁹ Then Joshua warned the people, “You are not able to serve the Lord, for he is a holy and jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. ²⁰ If you abandon the Lord and serve other gods, he will turn against you and destroy you, even though he has been so good to you.”

²¹ But the people answered Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!”

²² “You are a witness to your own decision,” Joshua said. “You have chosen to serve the Lord.”

“Yes,” they replied, “we are witnesses to what we have said.”

²³ “All right then,” Joshua said, “destroy the idols among you, and turn your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.”

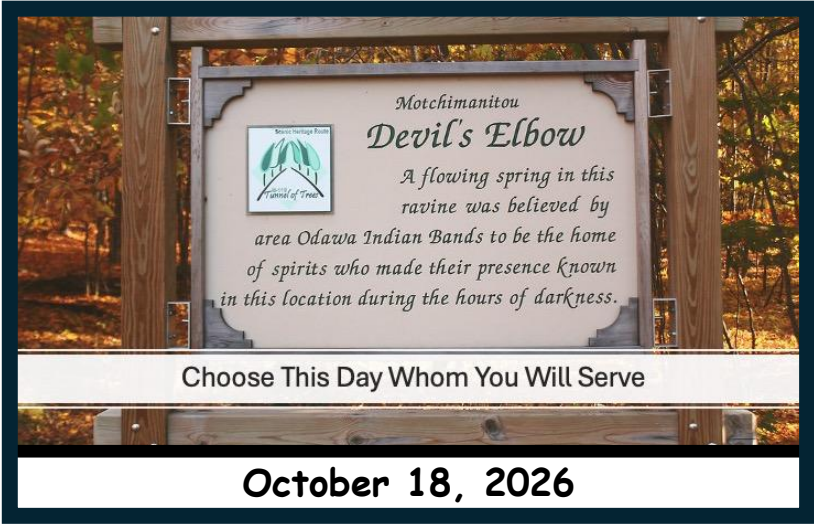
²⁴ The people said to Joshua, “We will serve the Lord our God. We will obey him alone.”

²⁵ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day at Shechem, committing them to follow the decrees and regulations of the Lord. ²⁶ Joshua recorded these things in the Book of God’s Instructions. As a reminder of their agreement, he took a huge stone and rolled it beneath the terebinth tree beside the Tabernacle of the Lord.

Notes:

October Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	☑	Special Prayer	Old Testament	☑
18	Su	1 Corinthians 6			Genesis 47	
19	Mo	1 Corinthians 7			Genesis 48	
20	Tu	1 Corinthians 8			Genesis 49	
21	We	1 Corinthians 9			Genesis 50	
22	Th	1 Corinthians 10			Exodus 1	
23	Fr	1 Corinthians 11			Exodus 2	
24	Sa	1 Corinthians 12			Exodus 3	
25	Su	1 Corinthians 13			Exodus 4	



Laketon Bethel’s Core Values:

A. ACCEPTANCE:

Everyone, regardless of who they are, what they have done, or what they are doing, will be accepted here. Laketon Bethel will be a safe place to explore your relationship with Jesus.

B. BIBLE:

The teachings of Jesus, contained in the Bible, are the final authority for faith and practice. We will study these teachings with open minds and the best scholarship available.

C. CONNECTION:

We invite people to connect with Jesus and with each other in all that we do.

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Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendars!

October 20: Hand2Hand Packing 2:30pm

October 25: Trunk-or-Treat

November 3: Hand2Hand Packing 7pm

November 8: Parents' Pause

November 9: Food Truck

November 11: Supper House

Be sure to join us today for a Breakfast Burrito!



Your free will donation will go toward the cost of the repairs of the wall.

Special Senior: Sally Legard

Please sign the card located on the table in the entryway

Today's Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Men's Group Breakfast

2nd Service Coffee Servers: Men's Group Breakfast

1st Service Nursery: Amy Kunnen

2nd Service Nursery: Sydney Scott

Announcements

Parents' Pause Kids Play. Parents Breathe.

A free babysitting event hosted by Laketon Bethel Students! Sunday, November 8th from 12:30–3:00pm. Ages 0 – 10 years old. Please sign up in the entryway.

Breakfast Burritos The Men's Group is going to serve breakfast burritos and the fixings, TODAY after both services. Soft shells (regular and gluten free), sausage, cheese, green peppers, onions and scrambled eggs. Proceeds will go to benefit the Wall Project.

Trunk or Treat So Others Can Eat This fun event is **NEXT SUNDAY**, 3:00 - 4:30pm. We will need many volunteers, *most importantly we need decorated trunks!* There are sign-up sheets on a table in the entryway. We are collecting donations of candy and nonperishable food items, bring them Tues. – Friday 9am -1pm or Sunday. See Jill Mouw for more information.

Women's Bible Study We have two Women's Bible Studies on Mondays. At 9:30am the book we will be studying is *Women of Faith, Overcoming Worry* by Margaret Feinberg. We will be doing a second book on Mondays at 10:45am, the book will be *52 Weeks of Systematic Theology* by Ella Radley. Join us for one or both! See Maureen Mussman for more information.

Service Opportunities

Coffee Servers We could use a few more people to serve coffee and cookies. If you are interested, call the office at 231-744-1749.

Hand2Hand provides weekend meals to students at Reeths-Puffer Elementary and Intermediate Schools. There are flyers on the tables by the Sanctuary doors that list the needed items if you would like to donate.

Sacred Suds (Helping Every Living Person Survive)

Cool weather is coming, sweatshirts and pants, long sleeve shirts, sweaters and winter gear will be appreciated. The usual needs are towels, hygiene products, laundry detergent. *Current special needs: blankets, sleeping bags, tents, socks, underwear, belts.*

Order of Worship - 9:00am

(Songs with #'s can be found in the Hymnal under the chairs)

Gathering Song

“Redeemed”

Call to Worship

“Lift High the Cross #237”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Have Then Own Way, Lord #480”

“I Surrender All #486”

Crosstalk – “Choose This Day”

Offering

“New Doxology”

Benediction

“Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated #455”

Order of Worship - 11:00am

Gathering Song

“Good God Almighty”

Call to Worship

“This Is Our God”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Surrender”

“I Surrender All”

“Let It Rise”

Crosstalk - “Choose This Day”

Offering

“Be the Center”

Benediction

“God Be With You”