

1 Kings 3 [New Living Translation]

³Solomon loved the Lord and followed all the decrees of his father, David, except that Solomon, too, offered sacrifices and burned incense at the local places of worship. ⁴The most important of these places of worship was at Gibeon, so the king went there and sacrificed 1,000 burnt offerings. ⁵That night the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream, and God said, “What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!”

⁶Solomon replied, “You showed great and faithful love to your servant my father, David, because he was honest and true and faithful to you. And you have continued to show this great and faithful love to him today by giving him a son to sit on his throne.

⁷“Now, O Lord my God, you have made me king instead of my father, David, but I am like a little child who doesn’t know his way around. ⁸And here I am in the midst of your own chosen people, a nation so great and numerous they cannot be counted! ⁹Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. ¹¹So God replied, “Because you have asked for wisdom in governing my people with justice and have not asked for a long life or wealth or the death of your enemies— ¹²I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have! ¹³And I will also give you what you did not ask for—riches and fame! No other king in all the world will be compared to you for the rest of your life! ¹⁴And if you follow me and obey my decrees and my commands as your father, David, did, I will give you a long life.”

¹⁵Then Solomon woke up and realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem and stood before the Ark of the Lord’s Covenant, where he sacrificed burnt offerings and peace offerings. Then he invited all his officials to a great banquet.

¹⁶Some time later two prostitutes came to the king to have an argument settled. ¹⁷“Please, my lord,” one of them began, “this woman and I live in the same house. I gave birth to a baby while she was with me in the house. ¹⁸Three days later this woman also had a baby. We were alone; there were only two of us in the house.

¹⁹“But her baby died during the night when she rolled over on it.²⁰Then she got up in the night and took my son from beside me while I was asleep. She laid her dead child in my arms and took mine to sleep beside her. ²¹And in the morning when I tried to nurse my son, he was dead! But when I looked more closely in the morning light, I saw that it wasn’t my son at all.”



²²Then the other woman interrupted, “It certainly was your son, and the living child is mine.”

“No,” the first woman said, “the living child is mine, and the dead one is yours.” And so they argued back and forth before the king.

²³Then the king said, “Let’s get the facts straight. Both of you claim the living child is yours, and each says that the dead one belongs to the other. ²⁴All right, bring me a sword.” So a sword was brought to the king.

²⁵Then he said, “Cut the living child in two, and give half to one woman and half to the other!”

²⁶Then the woman who was the real mother of the living child, and who loved him very much, cried out, “Oh no, my lord! Give her the child— please do not kill him!”

But the other woman said, “All right, he will be neither yours nor mine; divide him between us!”

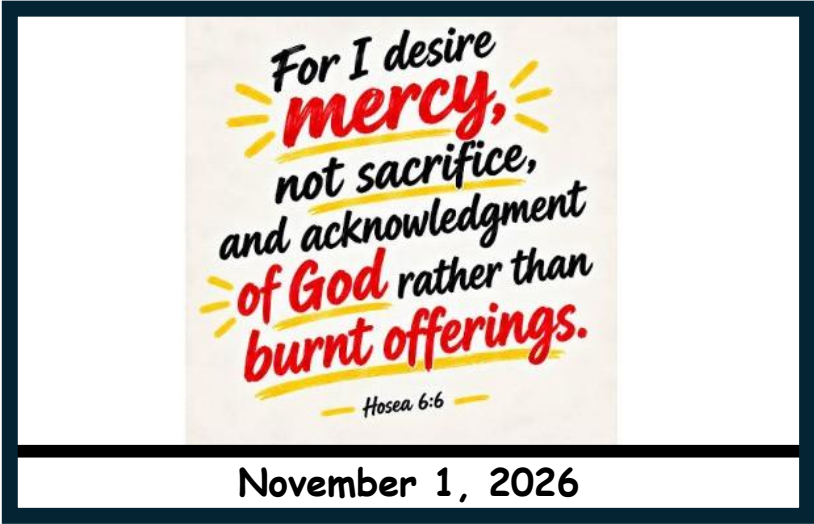
²⁷Then the king said, “Do not kill the child, but give him to the woman who wants him to live, for she is his mother!”

²⁸When all Israel heard the king’s decision, the people were in awe of the king, for they saw the wisdom God had given him for rendering justice.

Notes:

November Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	☑	Special Prayer	Old Testament	☑
1	Su	2 Corinthians 4			Exodus 11	
2	Mo	2 Corinthians 5			Exodus 12	
3	Tu	2 Corinthians 6			Exodus 13	
4	We	2 Corinthians 7			Exodus 14	
5	Th	2 Corinthians 8			Exodus 15	
6	Fr	2 Corinthians 9			Exodus 16	
7	Sa	2 Corinthians 10			Exodus 17	
8	Su	2 Corinthians 11			Exodus 18	



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!

- November 3: Hand2Hand Packing 7pm
- November 4: Sherwin’s Bible Study
- November 8: Parents’ Pause
- November 9: Food Truck
- November 11: Supper House
- November 11: Sherwin’s Bible Study
- November 18: Sherwin’s Bible Study

Sherwin’s Bible Study “After Before”

Sherwin has started a new Wednesday Bible Study. The agenda for this is that we will spend the first 15 minutes discussing the passages used the previous Sunday. Then, for the rest of the time, we will dig into the passage for the upcoming Sunday. Hence, “After Before.” Pizza at 6pm followed by the Study. *Please sign up in the entryway.*

date	after	before
11.4	1 Kings 3.4-9, [10-15], 16-28. Matthew 6.9-10	2 Kings 5.1-15, Matthew 8.2-3
11.11	2 Kings 5.1-15, Matthew 8.2-3	Micah [1.3-5]; 5.2-5; 6.6-8. Matthew 9.13.
11.18	Micah [1.3-5]; 5.2-5; 6.6-8. Matthew 9.13.	Isaiah 36.1-3, 13-20; 37.1-7; 2.1-4. Matthew 5.14

Special Senior: Helen Powell

Please sign the card located on the table in the entryway

Today’s Volunteers

- 1st Service Coffee Server: Sue Vannette
- 2nd Service Coffee Server: Steve & Maureen Mussman
- 1st Service Nursery: Sally Hendrixon
- 2nd Service Nursery: Karen Ervin

Announcements

Trunk-Or-Treat Thank You! We want to thank everyone who decorated trunks, volunteered and donated for Trunk-Or-Treat So Others Can Eat. It was another very successful event thanks to our generous Laketon Bethel Family! A special thanks to Jill Mouw for her leadership in putting it all together.

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.

Hearing Impaired Loop If you are hearing impaired and use the Loop from the sound booth, it will be out of service during the repairs of the wall.

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 or send an email to lbrcoffice@gmail.com.

Hand2Hand The next packing will be this Tuesday, November 3rd at 7pm. We will be packing for 3 weeks, so we will need a lot of extra help. See Maureen Mussman for more information.

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
- “God Is in Control”
- Call to Worship
- “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #30”
- Welcome & Announcements
- Congregational Prayer
- Worship in Song
- “Be Thou My Vision #460”
- “I Then Shall Live #732”
- Crosstalk – “The Wisdom of Solomon”
- Offering
- “Word of God, Speak”
- Benediction
- “Spirit Song #311”

Order of Worship - 11:00am

- Gathering Song
- “Everlasting God”
- Call to Worship
- “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
- “Battle Belongs”
- Welcome & Announcements
- Congregational Prayer
- Worship in Song
- “King of My Heart”
- “Mighty o Save”
- Crosstalk - “The Wisdom of Solomon”
- Offering
- “The More I Seek You”
- Benediction
- “Salt and Light”