

NEXT STEP: STUDY & SHARE

READINGS

Genesis 22:1-19

Psalm 131 *O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth & forevermore.* (v3)

Hebrews 13:1-17

Luke 14:1-14

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you resist those who are proud
& give grace to those who are humble.
Give us the humility of your Son, that
we may embody the generosity of Jesus
Christ, our Savior & Lord. Amen.

SERMON TEXT- Genesis 22:1-19

After these things God tested Abraham & said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, & go to the land of Moriah, & offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, & took two of his young men with him, & his son Isaac... ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I & the boy will go over there & worship & come again to you." ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering & laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire & the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire & the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. ⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there & laid the wood in order & bound Isaac his son & laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand & took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven & said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes & looked, & behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went & took the ram & offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." ¹⁵ And the angel... said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this & have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, & I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven & as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ & in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."...

LISTENING TO . . .

GOD- *Christian life is rooted in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit*

1. How does v13 connect with the following? *See Mark 14:12; Luke 22:7; John 1:29, 35-36; 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 1:19-20*
2. What connection does v17 have with the following? *See Psalm 2:8-9; Matthew 12:29, 13:16-20; Ephesians 4:9-13*

EACH OTHER- *Sharing & growing with our brothers & sisters in Christ*

3. Consider v12 alongside 15:6. Abraham's general faith is made specific by his obedience (*cf. Luke 4:1-12 & 22:39-46*). Name three times in your life where your general faith was made specific under testing, trying circumstances. What difficult, specific task did you perform out of faithful service to God? *Note: the question is not "when did you hang tough during tough times?"*
4. Find pictures of the *Sacrifice* (or *Binding*) of *Isaac* & compare them to Michelangelo's *Pieta*. What connections do you find between them?

NEIGHBORS- *Bearing fruit for those not yet our brothers & sisters*

5. In *Sleeping Beauty*, her parents attempt to hide ("protect") her from the demanding world. Abraham is willing to sacrifice his son for the sake of the world (*cf. John 3:16; Philippians 3:7; Genesis 2:24*). Name 5 specific ways in which you can offer your children- as a blessing- to the world more, rather than overprotect them more.
6. After this hard episode, God confirms his promises to Abraham in worship. Who can you encourage to hear again in worship God's promises of forgiveness, new life, & salvation after their own trying times?

Prayer of the Day from SundaysandSeasons.com. Copyright 2025 Augsburg Fortress. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies license SB140/201. Scripture quotations are from The ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Devotion prepared by Rev. Jared Stillions. Copyright 2025; may be reproduced & shared for personal, non-sale use, provided this copyright notice is included. Previous studies available stpeterhallettsville.org/blog

12th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17

08.31.25

Series: The Gospel on Every Page

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

Jesus in the Book of Genesis

Sacrifice Provided

God will provide the Lamb

-Notes-

KEY VERSE: God said, And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering & laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire & the knife. So they went both of them together. (v6)

-NEXT STEPS MEMORY VERSE-

Take my yoke upon you, & learn from me;
for I am gentle & humble in heart.. (*Matthew 11:29*)

Prayer of the Day from SundaysandSeasons.com. Copyright 2025 Augsburg Fortress. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies license SB140201. Scripture quotations are from The ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Devotion prepared by Rev. Jared Stillions. Copyright 2025; may be reproduced & shared for personal, non-sale use, provided this copyright notice is included. Previous studies available stpeterhallettsville.org/blog

NEXT STEP: STUDY & SHARE

READINGS

Genesis 22:1-19

Psalm 131 *O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth & forevermore.* (v3)

Hebrews 13:1-17

Luke 14:1-14

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you resist those who are proud
& give grace to those who are humble.
Give us the humility of your Son, that
we may embody the generosity of Jesus
Christ, our Savior & Lord. Amen.

SERMON TEXT- Genesis 22:1-19

After these things God tested Abraham & said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, & go to the land of Moriah, & offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, & took two of his young men with him, & his son Isaac... ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I & the boy will go over there & worship & come again to you." ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering & laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire & the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire & the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. ⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there & laid the wood in order & bound Isaac his son & laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand & took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven & said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes & looked, & behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went & took the ram & offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." ¹⁵ And the angel... said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this & have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, & I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven & as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ & in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."...

LISTENING TO . . .

GOD- *Christian life is rooted in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit*

1. How does v13 connect with the following? *See Mark 14:12; Luke 22:7; John 1:29, 35-36; 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 1:19-20*
2. What connection does v17 have with the following? *See Psalm 2:8-9; Matthew 12:29, 13:16-20; Ephesians 4:9-13*

EACH OTHER- *Sharing & growing with our brothers & sisters in Christ*

3. Consider v12 alongside 15:6. Abraham's general faith is made specific by his obedience (*cf. Luke 4:1-12 & 22:39-46*). Name three times in your life where your general faith was made specific under testing, trying circumstances. What difficult, specific task did you perform out of faithful service to God? *Note: the question is not "when did you hang tough during tough times?"*
4. Find pictures of the *Sacrifice* (or *Binding*) of *Isaac* & compare them to Michelangelo's *Pieta*. What connections do you find between them?

NEIGHBORS- *Bearing fruit for those not yet our brothers & sisters*

5. In *Sleeping Beauty*, her parents attempt to hide ("protect") her from the demanding world. Abraham is willing to sacrifice his son for the sake of the world (*cf. John 3:16; Philippians 3:7; Genesis 2:24*). Name 5 specific ways in which you can offer your children- as a blessing- to the world more, rather than overprotect them more.
6. After this hard episode, God confirms his promises to Abraham in worship. Who can you encourage to hear again in worship God's promises of forgiveness, new life, & salvation after their own trying times?

Prayer of the Day from SundaysandSeasons.com. Copyright 2025 Augsburg Fortress. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies license SB140/201. Scripture quotations are from The ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Devotion prepared by Rev. Jared Stillions. Copyright 2025; may be reproduced & shared for personal, non-sale use, provided this copyright notice is included. Previous studies available stpeterhallettsville.org/blog

12th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17

08.31.25

Series: The Gospel on Every Page

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

Jesus in the Book of Genesis

Sacrifice Provided

God will provide the Lamb

-Notes-

KEY VERSE: God said, And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering & laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire & the knife. So they went both of them together. (v6)

-NEXT STEPS MEMORY VERSE-

Take my yoke upon you, & learn from me;
for I am gentle & humble in heart.. (*Matthew 11:29*)

Prayer of the Day from SundaysandSeasons.com. Copyright 2025 Augsburg Fortress. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies license SB140201. Scripture is reprinted from New Revised Standard Version Bible with Apocrypha, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Devotion prepared by Rev. Jared Stillions. Copyright 2025; may be reproduced & shared for personal, non-sale use, provided this copyright notice is included. Previous studies available stpeterhallettsville.org/blog