

REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

TOP 10

BIBLICAL VILLAINS



ABIMELECH

Sunday, July 16, 2023, 11:15am
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Top 10 Biblical Villains...Abimelech

Abimelech really wanted to rule over the citizens of Shechem, but he had a slight problem in the form of his brothers, 70 problems actually.

Taking matters into his own hands, Abimelech slaughtered all 70 of his own brothers and was promptly crowned king.

Opening Praise Song

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

C: Amen.

P: For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to passions and pleasures,

C: passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

P: But when the goodness and loving kindness of Jesus appeared,

C: He saved us, not because of works done by us, but according to His own mercy,

P: by the washing and renewal of the Spirit,

C: whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

P: so that being justified by His grace

C: we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

P: In that divine hope, let us confess our sins.

C: Merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You by not letting You have Your way with me. I have become deaf to Your Word. Because of my weak love for You and for my neighbor, I deserve only Your judgment. Therefore, I come to You asking Your forgiveness and for the strengthening of

my faith and love. By Your Word, restore me and renew me for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

P: Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray,

C: Lord God, by the power of Your Word alone, You created everything out of nothing, and You have caused us to be drawn to You in hope. Open our ears and our hearts to hear and believe Your Word this day anew that we may grow by Your grace in the faith and the love that are in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Children's Time

Judges 9:1-6

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Romans 15:4 and Galatians 5:21

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Matthew 20:25-28)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Praise Song

The Sermon *Abimelech*

P: Please rise and join me as we profess our faith

C: Nicene Creed

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

The Prayers of His Children

P: Lord, in Your mercy **C: hear our prayer**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Words of our Lord

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Jesus remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,

C: LORD'S PRAYER

The Distribution of Holy Communion

God's Benediction

Sending Praise Song

Ministry Announcements