



THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

Genesis 22:14

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Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

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Jon Pedersen, Pastor
Ellen D. Schroll, Minister of Music
Sue Hoff, Vicar
David Rhodes, Organist

Prelude: "Vespers" Arr. Eric H. Thiman
"God be in my head, and in my understanding, God be at mine end, and at my departing."

Opening Hymn: "The God of Abraham Praise" (Verses 1,3,4) ELW 731

Kyrie/Hymn of the Day—Haugen Liturgy

Prayer of the Day:

God of promise, you stayed the hand of Abraham and fulfilled the promise you made to him, that he would father a great nation. Give us confidence in the promises you have made to us, that you will never leave us nor forsake us. Amen.

Reading: Genesis 21:1-2; 22:1-14

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him.

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

R: Word of God, Word of life C: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Find Us Faithful" (By Randal Quackenbush) Chancel Choir
Soloist Jan Rauworth

Message: Pastor Jon

Hymn of the Day: "Amazing Love" Praise Band

Passing of the Peace: "May the Peace of the Lord Be with You"

Prayers of the People:

Great Thanksgiving

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.

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

Words of Institution:

Lord's Prayer:

Benediction

Sending Hymn: *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* (Verses 1,3,4)

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Sending:

L: You have been called. You have been gathered. You have been equipped. Now you are being sent. Go in peace to serve the Lord!

C: *Thanks be to God!*

Postlude: *"He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him"*

Arr. J. S. Bach