

**Bible Study #47**  
**Community Lutheran Church**  
**4/21/2021**

Numbers 6 continued from last week...

1. Numbers 6
  - a. Instruction for blessing people...
    - i. The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: "' "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." ' "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them." 6:22-27
2. Numbers 7
  - a. Chapter 7 is all about offerings by the tribes of Israel at the dedication of the tabernacle (worship tent)
3. Numbers 8
  - a. Setting up of the golden lampstand (Menorah) in the worship area. 8:1-4
  - b. Consecration of the Priests (tribe of Levi) 8:5-26
    - i. Who can work...
      1. The Lord said to Moses, "This applies to the Levites: Men twenty-five years old or more shall come to take part in the work at the Tent of Meeting, but at the age of fifty, they must retire from their regular service and work no longer. They may assist their brothers in performing their duties at the Tent of Meeting, but they themselves must not do the work. This, then, is how you are to assign the responsibilities of the Levites." 8:23-26
4. Numbers 9
  - a. Celebrating the Passover no matter what. 9:1-14
  - b. The pillar of cloud (God's presence above the tabernacle). 9:15-23
    - i. This was the reminder that they followed God's lead. If the cloud stayed over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would stay encamped. When the cloud moved, they followed God.
5. Numbers 10
  - a. Silver trumpets made to make announcements 10:1-10
  - b. The people of Israel leave Sinai and the land of Midian. 10:11-36
    - i. On the twentieth day of the second month of the second year, the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle of the Testimony. Then the Israelites set out from the Desert of Sinai and traveled from place to place until the cloud came to rest in the Desert of Paran. They set out, this first time, at the Lord's command through Moses. 10:11-13
    - ii. Now Moses said to Hobab son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out for the place about which the Lord said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us and we will treat you well, for the Lord has

promised good things to Israel.” He answered, “No, I will not go; I am going back to my own land and my own people.” But Moses said, “Please do not leave us. You know where we should camp in the desert, and you can be our eyes. If you come with us, we will share with you whatever good things the Lord gives us.” 10:29-31

1. Notice Moses Father in-law has two names... Jethro and Hobab. Most likely Jethro was a title and not his given name.

## 6. Numbers 11

### a. Trouble on the way...

- i. Now the people complained about their hardships in the hearing of the Lord, and when he heard them his anger was aroused. Then fire from the Lord burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp. When the people cried out to Moses, he prayed to the Lord and the fire died down. So that place was called Taberah, because fire from the Lord had burned among them. 11:1-3

1. Teberah means burning

- ii. More complaining...

1. The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!” The manna was like coriander seed and looked like resin. The people went around gathering it, and then ground it in a handmill or crushed it in a mortar. They cooked it in a pot or made it into cakes. And it tasted like something made with olive oil. When the dew settled on the camp at night, the manna also came down. 11:4-9

### b. Moses is worn out...

- i. Moses heard the people of every family wailing, each at the entrance to his tent. The Lord became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. He asked the Lord, “Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their forefathers? Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. If this is how you are going to treat me, put me to death right now—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin.” 11:10-15

### c. God appoints 70 elders with Moses “spirit” to help lead. 11:16-17

### d. God provides meat with some edge and to teach a lesson...

- i. “Tell the people: ‘Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow, when you will eat meat. The Lord heard you when you wailed, “If only we had meat to eat! We were better off in Egypt!” Now the Lord will give you meat, and you will eat it. You will not eat it for just one day, or two days, or five, ten or twenty days, but for a whole month—until it comes out of your nostrils and you loathe it—because you have rejected the Lord, who is among you, and have wailed before him, saying, “Why did we ever leave Egypt?” ’ ” 11:18-20

## 7. Numbers 12

### a. Rebellion...

- i. Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. “Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the Lord heard this. (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.) At once the Lord said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, “Come out to the Tent of Meeting, all three of you.” So the three of them came out. Then the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the Tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When both of them stepped forward, he said, “Listen to my words: “When a prophet of the Lord is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?” The anger of the Lord burned against them, and he left them. 12:1-9
- ii. Miriam is left with Leprosy and both her and Aaron are humbled. Moses appeals to God for her healing and it occurs but the lesson has been learned. 12:10-16