

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: All Saints' Sunday
November 2, 2008 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*Let the first note of the prelude be a call for
personal meditation in preparation for worship.*

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE Jesus Priceless Treasure F.W. Zachau

INTROIT Walford Davies

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.
—Words from an old *Sarum Primer* (1558)

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.
In the name of Jesus, our one Lord and Savior,
let us worship God.

—based on Hebrews 12:1

SALUTATION I Corinthians 1:2-3

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 451
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (*in unison*)

God of all ages:
we thank you for the faithful witness
of your apostles, prophets and martyrs
throughout the history of your church
and throughout the world even today.
Through their witness we see and hear your truth.
We bless you for all who bless your name
through their writing, speaking, art, and music.
Through their work we glimpse your beauty.
We praise you for all who serve you
without recognition or honor, offering encouragement
to the lonely, the sick, and the fearful.
Through their lives we see your faithfulness
and sense your comfort.
Now we pray that you will use even us
to reflect the glory we see in Christ.
May the voices of all your saints, made holy in Christ,
swell in joyous praise to you, the giver of all gifts,
through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(*congregation may exchange the Peace*)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Forgive us, dear God, for making small the wondrous gift of salvation you have begun in your world. Forgive us for thinking it will only be known after we die. Forgive us for worrying about the fate of our individual soul rather than trusting in your saving work. Forgive us for trusting in our decisions, our actions, our feelings, and desires instead of naming you as our center. Forgive us for living as though your saving work is limited to a few, believing that you do not desire all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Hear us in the name of Jesus, the Redeemer. Amen.

RESPONSE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 572

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE I John 3:1-3

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE Matthew 5:3-12

ANTHEM African American Spiritual, arr. by K. Lee Scott

*In bright mansions above,
Lord I want to live up yonder in bright mansions above.*

My father's gone to Glory; I want to go there, too.
My mother's gone to Glory; I want to go there, too.

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 34:1-10 p. 508
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17 p. 249
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 453
O Holy City, Seen of John Tune: MORNING SONG

SERMON "Heaven Can't Wait"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Sing! A New Creation* 194

*REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Alma Halko	November 20, 2007
Glenn Bruggers	November 28, 2007
John De Kraker	January 8, 2008
Roger Lindgren	January 15, 2008
Tina Greve	April 11, 2008
Henrietta Bonnette	April 27, 2008
Josephine Rediger	June 12, 2008
Lois Van Oosterhout	September 26, 2008
Joyce Vander Well	September 29, 2008
Mark Ver Hulst	October 8, 2008
Robert Gallup	October 15, 2008

*TOLLING OF THE BELL

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 526

For All the Saints (verses 1-4)

Tune: SINE NOMINE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Canzona

W.A. Mozart

*DOXOLOGY *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 592

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 530

O Lord of Life, Where'er They Be

Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

E.L. Ashford

+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; David Ryder, Rev. William Unzicker, liturgists; Jeff Maatman, prayer for illumination; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music; Lori Maatman, organist.

TODAY

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another.

Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

The flowers at the chancel today are given in loving memory of Alex Hoffman by his family.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Mike and Beverley Rannow will be available to pray with you following today's worship services. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters – (8:30) John and Sue Hutchinson; (11:00) George and Doris Lievense, Reno and Thanh Lamania, Jon, Deb, Claire, David, and Jacob Van Duinen; Ushers – John, Marj, Katherine, and Elizabeth Hoekstra; Deacons – (8:30) Jeff Beird, Steve Bulthuis; (11:00) Jim Hensley, Laura Halsey, Scott Wolterink, Lynne Bonnette; Refreshment Servers – Tom and Marilyn Norman.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Carol Doezema, Sandy Stielstra.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:40-10:40 a.m., nursery care available

3 year olds	nursery	4 & 5 year olds, K	room 15
1 st & 2 nd grades	room 6	3 rd grade	room 9
4 th grade	room 10	5 th grade	room 11
6 th , 7 th , & 8 th grade	room 22		

LITTLE LAMBS: 3 year olds are invited to meet in room 14 at 9:40 a.m. **(note the new time).**

THE ADULT EDUCATION CLASS for Spiritual Formation is open to all and is experiential, participatory, and practical. Come and go as you are able. Meet in the Centennial Room downstairs. This week's lesson: Review - Spiritual Formation: The Compassionate Life; Next Week: Spiritual Formation: The Word-Centered Life.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40 a.m., "Understanding Mormons Today" led by Robert Van Voorst in the chapel. NEXT WEEK: "Biblical and Historical Foundations of Social Justice: A Personal Journey" led by Harold Gazan.

INQUIRER'S CLASS: 9:40-10:40 a.m. in the office conference room.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2nd grade will be ushered from the sanctuary during the worship service to continue worship in the Worship Centers on the lower level.

RIETBERG ORGAN CONCERT

7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

Jonathan Schakel, organ
Megan Sharp, soprano

A reception will follow the concert.

Child care will be provided.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.	Matins Choir
9:15 a.m.	Youth Choir
9:15 a.m.	Reading and Drama Group
9:40 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Children's Choir
6:30 p.m.	Pathfinders (High School)
7:30 p.m.	Rietberg Organ Concert

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Prayers

5:50 p.m. TASC Dinner
6:45 p.m. TASC Classes
6:45 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
6:45 p.m. Passage (High School)
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

FRIDAY

9:30 a.m. Play Group
10:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

PERSONAL

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found in the Friendship Folders. Place the requests in the offering plate. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

As of September 1 because of space issues we are no longer listing birthday and anniversary announcements. They will still be listed in the newsletter.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Ann Romeyn has moved to Railside Living Center, 7955 Byron Center Ave., Byron Center, MI 49315. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Roger Prins. Out of Town – Elisabeth Ten Zythoff, c/o Cora Latta, 6447 Franwood Terrace, Ft. Worth, TX 76112. Home – Jan Bosch, Gerry Tillema. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Thank you for all of the donations we have received. There is still time to make a donation if you have not done so please bring your contribution to the church by Tuesday, November 4. We will be packing the shoe box gifts on Wednesday, November 5. Come be a "deep disciple" by showing God's love to those in need! Parents and other interested adults are invited to come and help the children assemble these gifts of love.

PLAYGROUP EVENT: On Friday, November 14, Mary De Young will be sharing some of her math teaching expertise and talking with the playgroup about how to introduce mathematical concepts to our children. The group meets in the Fellowship Hall and begins gathering at 9:30 a.m. All are invited!

GENERAL ITEMS

BLOOD PRESSURE: You will have the chance to have your blood pressure checked next Sunday, November 9 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

WHAT'S FOR DINNER? Sign up for this fun evening of fellowship and dinner with a group of seven or eight at a Third Reformed Church member's home on Friday, November 14. Sign up begins today in the Gathering Place.

Everyone is invited to attend a reception in honor of Linda Jacobs who has been named the new Executive Director of Good Samaritan Ministries. The reception will be held in the Gathering Place on Tuesday, November 4 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

RECIPROCAL LANGUAGE DINNER AND AUCTION will be held at Third Reformed Church on Friday, November 7 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00. See Pastor Kent for tickets. Gracias.

The congregation is invited to Stewardship Brunch in Fellowship Hall Sunday, November 16, with the cost covered by a family in the congregation. There will be a serving after the first service approximately 9:40 a.m. and a second serving after the second service, approximately 12:10 p.m.

Adult Sunday School will not meet on the 16th, but there will be Sunday School for children 4 years through Middle School. Nursery will be offered during the 12:10 p.m. serving.

THIRD REFORMED CHURCH

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