

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: I Samuel 15:34-16:13

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 4:26-34

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 553

For the Fruit of All Creation

Tune: EAST ACKLAM

SERMON "When We Don't Know How"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Belgic Confession* Article 13

**We do not wish to inquire
with undue curiosity
into what God does that surpasses human understanding
and is beyond our ability to comprehend.
But in all humility and reverence
we adore the just judgments of God,
which are hidden from us,
being content to be Christ disciples,
so as to learn only what God shows us in the Word,
without going beyond those limits.**

**The doctrine gives us unspeakable comfort
since it teaches us
that nothing can happen to us by chance
but only by the arrangement of our gracious
heavenly Father,
who watches over us with protective care,
keeping all creatures,
so that not one of the hairs on our heads
(for they are all numbered)
nor even a little bird
can fall to the ground
"apart from our Father."**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Sonate

P. Hindemuth

III Lied — Sehr Langsam

The following poem inspired this piece.

O my friends, when I am dead and gone

Hang a little harp there behind the altar

Where on the wall the shimmering half-light catches

The funeral wreaths of many a departed maiden.

Then the good sexton will show the little harp

To visitors, stirring it to sound

As he touches the red riband that hangs from the harp

And floats beneath the golden strings.

"Often," he says in wonder, "at sunset,

The strings unbidden murmur like humming bees:

The children, called hither from the churchyard,

Have heard it, and seen the wreaths a-quiver."

PRAYER 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 *Sing! A New Creation* 172

Faith Begins by Letting Go

Tune: LUX PRIMA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Timothy Albrecht

+Latecomers will be seated. *Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry; Rev. William Unzicker, liturgist; Thomas Hoffman, prayer of illumination; Marcia Forsman, minute for mission; Martha Waldvogel, harp; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

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 by Vesta Speet in memory of her daughter, Shelley Speet Mills.

The rose by the chancel is in celebration of the birth of a son, Luke David, to Chris and Melissa Arendshorst on June 3.

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

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters – Doug and Kay Walvoord, John and Etta Hesselink, Harley and Phyllis Brown; Ushers – Elliot and Elaine Tanis; Deacons – Scott Wolterink, Rick Frens, Andy Mulder, Tom Ten Hoeve; Refreshment Servers – Ron and Gloria South.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Jane Zoerman.

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.

YOUNG DISCIPLES, for children 3rd-5th grades, will meet in the chapel during the worship service.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

6:00 p.m. Senior High Food and Flick Night

MONDAY

Newsletter Deadline

12:00-6:00 p.m. Blood Drive

7:00 p.m. VBS Orientation - chapel
TUESDAY
 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Women's Softball Game at South Olive
 7:00 p.m. Consistory
 8:15 p.m. Elders
 8:15 p.m. Deacons
WEDNESDAY
 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
THURSDAY
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting
FRIDAY
 10:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group
SATURDAY
 Helen Van Zanden Memorial Service

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.

SYMPATHY is extended to Lynne Ihrman in the death of her brother-in-law, Arthur Langeland, on June 3.

There will be a Memorial Service held for Helen Van Zanden on Saturday, June 20 at 12:30 p.m.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Bill Segrist has returned home from the hospital. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Bill Segrist, Ruth Ter Beek. Out of Town – Ann Romeyn, 2380 Aurora Ponds Dr. SW, #322, Wyoming, MI 49519, Elisabeth Ten Zythoff, 6447 Franwood Terrace, Fort Worth, TX 76112; Home – Jan Bosch, Gerry & Corky Tillema. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, Tom Piaget (retired).

If you would like to send a message to Elizabeth (Voskuil) Maher, go to www.spectrum-health.org, click on "email a patient" on the right side. Type a message that will be printed and hand delivered to her.

CAMPER'S CORNER
CAMP GENEVA
 June 15-19
 Maria Mosterd
 Kyle Stam

 June 15-20
 Amanda Halsey
 Hope Heideman
 Elizabeth Hoekstra
 Katherine Hoekstra

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

We have an opportunity to again read to children of migrants on Wednesday evenings. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the West entrance. If you have questions please contact Marcia Floding at 392-1459.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: The VBS orientation scheduled for last Monday has been rescheduled for tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.

SIGN UP YOUR KIDS FOR OUR ROME:
PAUL & THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH
August 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Tear off and put in offering plate or bring to the church office.

Name (s) and ages _____

In case of emergency, contact _____

Phone _____

Allergies, or other medical conditions _____

Sign ups also available at the children's info table in the Gathering Place.

SENIOR HIGH: The Food and Flick night originally scheduled for Friday, June 12 will meet tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the youth room. We will have a light dinner, watch a movie, and have discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

SIGN UP continues today for the Blood Drive on Monday, June 15, 12:00-6:00 p.m. If you would be willing to bring cookies or bars for the blood drive please pick up a container at the table in the Gathering Place.

YOUNG HEARTS: The June Young Hearts luncheon will be Thursday, June 12 at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Price for lunch is \$4.00. Linda Strouf will join us to share about her recent trip to London and "The London Music Scene." Please make your reservations by calling the church office, 392-1459, by Monday, June 22. Transportation is available on request.

There will be no Third Sunday Pizza Lunch this month. The next Pizza Lunch will be Sunday, July 19 following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER: Next Sunday, June 21 non-perishable food and other necessities will be collected for our monthly food drive. Donated items can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering place.

Remember that some members have severe allergic reactions to perfume. Please refrain from using perfume or other scented cosmetics when you know you will be sitting in a large group. Thank you.

The congregation is invited to attend the following ordination services of: Sophie and Ryan Landt this afternoon at Calvary Reformed Church, 995 E. 8th St., at 4:00 p.m. Ryan and Sophie have accepted a call to Aberdeen Reformed Church in Grand Rapids where they will be serving as co-pastors; Andrew Bossardet at First Reformed Church, 630 State St., at 6:00 p.m. tonight Andrew has accepted a call to Glen Lake Community Reformed Church in Glen Arbor, MI where he will be serving as pastor.

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation