

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 93 p. 549
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Colossians 2:8-15 p. 200
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 18:33-37 p. 113
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 155
Rejoice, the Lord Is King Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH

SERMON "Where Does the Ache Begin?"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

**As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—
which some seek to control,
but which others view with despair—
we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!
From the beginning, through all the crises of our times,
until his kingdom fully comes,
God keeps covenant forever. Our world belongs to him!
God is King! Let the earth be glad!
Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!
The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation.
Praise the Lord!
Jesus ascended in triumph to his heavenly throne.
There he hears our prayers,
pleads our cause before the Father, and rules our world.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.
Our hope for a new earth is not tied
to what humans can do, for we believe that one day
every challenge to God's rule
and every resistance to his will shall be crushed.
Then his kingdom shall come fully,
and our Lord shall rule forever.**

—*Our World Belongs to God*, st. 1-2, 29, 56

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(After the offering plate passes you, you are invited to bring forward your commitment cards.)

OFFERTORY

Alfred V. Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
 You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 You, peacemaker and swordbringer
 Of the way you took and gave.
 You the everlasting instant;
 You, whom we both scorn and crave.
 Clothed in light upon the mountain,
 Stripped of might upon the cross,
 Shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier's toss,
 You, everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.
 You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.
 You, who preach a way that's narrow,
 Have a love that reaches wide.
 You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.
 Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
 Worthy your defeat and victory.
 Worthy still your peace and strife.
 You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life.
 Alleluia.

—Sylvia Dunstan

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

Tune: OLD HUNDRETH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

**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* 214

Have We Any Gift Worth Giving (v. 1) Tune: COSTLY GIFTS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Helmut Walcha

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

Worship Leaders: Dr. Trygve Johnson, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Morrie Peterson, scripture reader; Claire Van Duinen, prayer of illumination; Handbell Choir; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; 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 by Phyllis Bruggers in memory of Glenn Bruggers.

The flowers by the baptismal font are given in celebration of Trygve David Johnson, Jr.'s baptism by Oma and Opa Deede.

Receiving the sacrament of baptism this morning is Trygve David Johnson, Jr., son of Trygve and Kristen Johnson. We welcome him with joy into our covenant community.

We joyfully welcome the following members into our Christian faith community this morning Albert (A.E.) and Nancy Lacy. There will be a receiving line after the worship service where you may greet these new members.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others Bill and Sarah Unzicker 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 (8:30) – Steve, Karen, Matt, Joel, and Abbie Palmateer; (11:00) – Don and Carol Triezenberg, Anna Ritsema, Alma Holkeboer, Cal and Marilyn Rynbrandt; Ushers – Ray and Jane Snyder; Deacons – (8:30) Carl Heideman, Bekah Schipper; (11:00) Jim Vander Meer, Andy Mulder, Karen Holleman, Jeff Voskuil; Refreshment Servers – Lee and Milly Ten Brink.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Rick and Meg Frens.

EDUCATION HOUR, 9:40-10:40 a.m., nursery care available

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

LITTLE LAMBS: 3 year olds are invited to meet in room 14 at 9:40 a.m.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40

The Spiritual Journey Adult Education Class is open to all and is experiential, participatory, and practical. Come and go as you are able. Meet in the Centennial Room downstairs.

Kerygma Bible Study "Discovering the Bible" in room 22.

Chapel Presentation Class: "Getting to Know You: Why You Should Love John Calvin, or at Least His Theology" led by John Hesselink.

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.

ADVENT WORKSHOP
4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

"The Journey"
Please bring a finger food to share.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir
9:15 a.m. Youth Choir
9:40 a.m. Education Hour
10:30 a.m. Children's Choir
4:30 p.m. Advent Workshop
6:30 p.m. Pathfinders (H.S.)

MONDAY

3:30 p.m. Monday Fun Day
7:30 p.m. Martha Circle at Sandy Stielstra's-A-6560 146th Ave.

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
THURSDAY Office Closed
10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Service
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting
FRIDAY Office Closed

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 Bob, Deb, Rob, and Charlie Sterken in the death of their step-mother and step-grandmother, Lee Sterken, who died on November 12.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Elly Muiderman. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Bob Kuiper, Leslie Piaget, Ruth Ter Beek. The Inn – Jantina Holleman, Dorothy Sheets, Crystal Teague. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Christine Munoz.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

The Children's Christmas program is coming! The children will be working on their "play" (3rd-5th graders) and the music (preschool-2nd grades) during the Education Hour. Parents, please try to have your children her each week to prepare for this special event. The program is scheduled for Sunday, December 20 at 9:40 a.m. If your child is not going to participate, please let Joyce Fry or Bruce Reynolds know as soon as possible.

GENERAL ITEMS

If you did not pick up your stewardship packet last Sunday, please do so today. There is a large envelope with your name on it, in alphabetical order, on the tables in the hallway south of the Gathering Place.

Our Thanksgiving offering is specified toward our pledge to support the Dennis and Betty Lou Voskuil Chair in Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE: There will be a Thanksgiving Day Service on Thursday, November 26 at 10:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: You won't want to miss "Christmas in Bethlehem – Past and Present," a program presented by Elaine Tanis and Habeeb Awad at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 30 in the chapel. Through music, readings and visual arts, we will learn of Christmas celebrations in the place where Jesus was born. All are invited – men and women.

YOUNG HEARTS: The next Young Hearts Luncheon will be Thursday, December 3 at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A Christmas musical program will be presented by Bob Palma and Mary Toppen-Palma and Mark and Crystal Walvoord. It will feature Christmas music and readings and will include group singing, piano numbers, and a male chorus. Price for the luncheon is \$4.00. You can make your reservations by calling the church office, 392-1459, by Monday, November 30. Transportation is available on request.

ATTENTION KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS: There will be a mitten, hat, scarf tree in the Gathering Place during Advent. Your donations of mittens, hats, and scarves will be given to a local agency.

THIRD REFORMED CHURCH

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