

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Worship:

"By Faith"

Relying on Grace

Baptism:

Katherine Joy Van Kampen

Song of Response: #758 (WC)

"Baptized in Water"

GEMS Litany

GEMS Song:

"Live Like You're Loved"

Prayer

Song of Worship: #649 (WC)

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

(children ages 3 - Kindergarten are dismissed for Children's Church)

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

GEMS Girls Clubs

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Matthew 25:14-30 (p. 983)

Sermon:

YOU'VE GOT TALENT!

Prayer

Blessed to Serve

Benediction

Doxology:

Postlude

"We Receive Your Blessing"

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Guitars:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Bass:

Carter Bulthuis

(PH-Psalter Hymnal; WC-Worshiping Church- in pews; LH-Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal-not in pews)

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise: #448 (PH)

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith:

Apostles' Creed (*p. 3 in the back of the PH*)

Prayer

Song of Worship: #742 (WC)

"Tell All the World of Jesus"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

World Renew: Disaster Response

God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Romans 15:14-33, 16:25-27 (*p. 1125*)

Sermon:

ENDURANCE TO GLORY

Prayer

We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #72:1,2 (WC)

"To God Be the Glory"

Benediction

Doxology: #72:3 (WC)

"To God Be the Glory"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

(PH-Psalter Hymnal; WC-Worshiping Church- in pews; LH-Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal-not in pews)

Today at Faith

In morning worship we celebrate GEMS Sunday. GEMS is our girls club for 1st grade through 8th graders. Also in worship we baptize Katherine Joy, daughter of Erik & Laura Van Kampen and welcome her mom, Laura, as a new member. In the message, as we get closer to Calvary week by week, we hear the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25.

This evening we're drawing the *Romans: Our Journey of Faith* to a close with some verses from Romans 15 and 16. The sermon will focus on how the gospel of Jesus Christ goes out so that we believe and God is glorified. We'll also have the opportunity during this service for the congregation to share prayer requests.

Upcoming Worship at Faith

March 25 AM: Palm Sunday

March 25 PM: Preparation for Good Friday

March 30, 7 PM: Good Friday Service of Growing Darkness and Communion

April 1 AM: Easter Morning worship

April 8 AM: Calvin College Instrumental Ensembles in worship

April 8 PM: Calvin College Orchestra in worship

Prayer & Praise

If you have prayer needs, please visit room 1 on the north side of the sanctuary after the morning service.

Congratulations to **Christopher & Joy Koopmans** on the birth of their son, **Finnigan John**, on Saturday, March 10.

Ken Rusthoven returned home last week after an extended time of recovery for heart surgery. Please pray for continued improvement for Ken.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Theresa Vegters** who lives in Lexington Healthcare in Elmhurst.

Offerings

Today: **AM:** GEMS Girls Club, International.

PM: World Renew-Disaster Response.

March 25: **AM:** Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund.

PM: Bible League International.

Announcements

Attention: All Instrumentalists and All Singers. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who loves to sing or play an instrument to be part of bringing glory to God during these meaningful services. Please contact Jan Slinkman, janslinkman@att.net, for more information. Please note rehearsals continue according to the following schedule:

Good Friday Men's Chorus will rehearse on today and March 25 at 11:15 AM.

Easter Sunday Choir will rehearse today and March 25 after the morning worship service.

Easter Sunday Band/Orchestra will rehearse today and March 25 at 4:00 PM.

Senior Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, March 20 at 1:15 PM. We'll be studying the Gospel of Luke 8 (Lesson 5 in the study guide).

The Adult Ministries and Evangelism Committees will be meeting on Wednesday March 21. Evangelism Committee will meet at 6:30 PM. We'll have a joint meeting at 7:00 PM, and after that, the Adult Ministries Committee will meet.

4th thru 8th grade Cadets and their fathers: On Wednesday, March 21, we will meet at Laser Quest (in the mall at the corner of Finley and Butterfield behind Michaels in Downers Grove) for our annual father/son laser tag outing. **Please arrive by 7:00 PM** for two great games of tag and some tasty refreshments. The cost will be \$16 per family. Call Steve Weglarz, 630-217-9683, if you have any questions. Jr. Cadets will still meet at church.

The Friday Men's Bible study is beginning a new study on 1 Samuel, *Choose Your King*. 1 Samuel is a book of battles and schemes, and a story of God giving His people the king they want...and then the king they need. Contact Christopher Koopmans or Pastor Matthew for more information or to get a copy of the study guide. We'll be meeting this Friday, March 23 at 6:30 AM to begin this study.

This Easter we would like to display Easter lilies as a symbol of Christ's resurrection power. You can purchase these lilies as a remembrance of your loved ones who are in God's heavenly presence; and then have their names honored in our Easter bulletin. Order Forms (envelopes) are available at the narthex sign-up table. Please fill in the needed information, enclose the payment (\$16 each), and deposit envelope in the Bulletin Announcement Box, by March 25. Lilies can be taken home after the morning worship.

Calvin College Orchestra will be performing on April 8, 2018, during the morning and evening services at Faith. Please save the date. Volunteers to house the 48 student orchestra overnight are needed. A host instruction sheet is available in the narthex or online and will answer what is involved in hosting. You can volunteer to host students (minimum of 2) by signing up in the narthex or going to <https://calvin.edu/academics/departments-programs/music/events/ensemble-tours/orchestra-tour.html> or contact the church office.

Faith Book Club has chosen *For the Glory* by Duncan Hamilton for discussion at their next meeting. This is the story of Olympic medal winner Eric Liddell (Chariots of Fire) and his journey from national hero to his work as a missionary in China. Newcomers are welcome to join us on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 PM at Park Place.

Taco Dinner: Join us from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on April 19 for a free taco dinner. All donations will go to support the youth ministry trips, particularly the high school trip this July to Puerto Vallarta, MX. The trip will focus on encouraging the church planting and community development efforts headed by Pastor Mario, encouraging his team and ministering and providing food for at-risk youth.

Our next Senior event is Friday, April 20 at 10:00 AM. We will hear author Rochelle Pennington present on the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald, including amazing photos and historical details. All are welcome to this event! Sign up in the narthex or call the office to make your reservations. The cost is \$10 per person, and checks should be made payable to Faith CRC and be given to the office or to Cathy Bulthuis no later than April 15. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be served.

College and Military Care Packages: We're collecting items for the next batch of packages to go out to our college students. Please drop your donated items inside Jonathan's office by **April 22**. Contact Laura Miller (lauramiller289@comcast.net) with any questions or if you want to help box things up. Item ideas: cookies, snacks, pens, nuts, jerky, goofy gifts, gum, candy, fun socks, toiletries.

Young Adult Sunday Evening Get-Together: Join us for our next meeting on April 22 at 7:00 PM (after the evening service) for a dinner, fellowship and prayer.

VBS Save the Date: All four year olds through 5th grade are invited to join our church for a week of activities and Bible learning from 9:00 – 11:30 AM daily, June 18-21. Our thrilling theme this year is *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!* Mark your calendars—registration coming soon. Contact Youth Director, Jonathan Barney, jbarney@faithelmhurst.org for questions.

Youth News

Catechism: All high school classes will meet together in room 1 and 2.

The Gathering: We will not be meeting tonight.

The *Passion of the Christ* Showing: All 6-12th graders are invited to join us on Friday, March 23 at 6:45 – 10:00 PM at church for a showing and discussion of the *Passion of the Christ* film.

Asylum: 6th-8th graders are invited to join us for friends, food, Bible study, and small groups. Our next meeting is **Friday, April 6**, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Pick up and drop off at church.

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This Week at Faith

Today

Sunday School & Catechism will meet at 10:45 AM. All High School classes will meet together in rooms 1 - 2.

The Easter Choir will rehearse at 10:45 AM in the choir room.

The Sermon Discussion Group will meet in room 4-5 at 11:00 AM.

The Men's Chorus will rehearse at 11:15 AM in the Choir Room.

PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) signup sheets for April are available in the Fellowship Hall.

The Band/Orchestra for Easter will rehearse at 4:00 PM in the Choir Room.

Tuesday, March 20

Senior Bible Study will meet at 1:15 PM.

The Worship Committee will meet at 4:00 PM.

The Staff Relations Committee will meet at 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, March 21

Men's Prayer Group will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 AM.

Bible Study Fellowship will meet at 9:15 AM.

The Evangelism Committee will meet at 6:30 PM.

The Adult Ministries Committee will meet at 7:00 PM.

Jr. Cadets will meet from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at church.

4th – 8th grade Cadets & Fathers will meet at Laser Quest at 7:00 PM.

Thursday, March 22

Mom2Mom will meet at 9:00 AM.

Friday, March 23

Men's Bible Study will meet at 6:30 AM.

Asylum & the Gathering to view *Passion of the Christ* at 6:45 PM.

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Cathy Bulhuis

Next Week: Maria Kearney

Saratoga Driver: Darrell Stodola

Next Week: Corey Van Dyk

Kitchen: Spencer & Rebecca Anderson*, Brad & Kathy Miedema

Next Week: Bruce & DeDe Terpstra*, Ted & Laurie Vander Naald

Library: Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa

Next Week: Chuck Slinkman

Audio Visual: Steve David, Mike Speelman, Ryan David

Next Week: Steve De Boer, Mary Huizinga, Ryan De Boer

Nursery Hostess: Dorothy Allen

Next Week: Allison Sowers

Infant Nursery: Karen Folkerts, Liz Tabb, Paige Hoving

Next Week: Sharon Rozendal, Jessica Vander Naald, Nathan Printz

Toddler Nursery: Cindy Vander Naald, Bethany Voss, Lauren Miller

Next Week: Kathy Miedema, Christina Muruato, Zach Miedema

PM Nursery: Sarah Schuringa, Grace Lindemulder

Next Week: Laura Lanser, Olivia Schuringa