

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Songs of Praise: #262:1,3 (WC)
#348:1,2 (PH)

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"
"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Relying on Grace

Baptism:

Rory Theodore John Anderson

Prayer

Songs of Worship:

"Hosanna" (Praise is Rising)
"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

#349 (PH)

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

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Luke 21:5-19 *(p. 1042)*

Sermon:

EXPECT...SIGNS OF THE END

Prayer

Blessed to Serve

Ministry Song:

"The Power of the Cross"

Benediction

Closing Song:

"The Power of the Cross"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Rev. Matthew Lanser

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Trumpets:

Greg Lanenga, Kayla Middel, Luke Miller, Dan Roelofs

Bass:

Carter Bulthuis

Guitar:

Mike Printz

(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

Songs of Worship:

#556 (WC)

"Behold Our God"

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

2 Peter 1:5-7 (p. 1204)

Sermon:

GROWING FAITH

Prayer

We Give Thanks

Song of Response: #534:1,2 (WC)

"Draw Me Nearer"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Chicago West Side Christian School

We Look to the Cross

Hymn Sing:

Congregation's Choice

*As we prepare our hearts for Good Friday,
please select worships songs between #350 and #355 in the Psalter Hymnal,
or between #208 and #231 in the Worshiping Church Hymnal,
or pick a song that is about the person and work of Jesus Christ*

Benediction

Doxology: #933 (LH)

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Rev. Matthew Lanser

Sermon:

Dr. Greg Schuringa

Piano:

Donna Erdman

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

Today at Faith

This morning our *Learning to Love the Lord* series takes us to Luke 21:5-19, where Jesus talks about signs of the end of the age. As you come into the sanctuary this morning, you'll be given signs that we'll come back to a couple of times during the service.

Also this morning, we celebrate the baptism of Rory Theodore John Anderson. Children's Church will participate in the service, and we'll all have the opportunity to share in waving palms and singing with them.

This evening we continue in 2 Peter in the message. We'll conclude worship tonight with a "Good Friday Hymn Sing" as we meditate on Jesus' suffering and crucifixion for us.

Reading the Gospel of Luke: For this week, the Children/Family reading plan reads Luke 20:9-19. Reading Plan A works through Luke 19, and Reading Plan B focuses on Luke 8-11.

Upcoming Worship at Faith

April 19, 7:00 PM: Good Friday and Lord's Supper Tenebrae Service

April 21, 9:30 AM: Easter Service, New Members Welcome and Baptism

April 28, 9:30 AM: Roseland for Mission Emphasis Sunday

April 28, 6:00 PM: Rev. Mike Moore for Mission Emphasis Sunday

May 2, Thursday, 7:00 PM: National Day of Prayer Service

Prayer & Praise

If you have prayer needs, please visit room 14 on the south side of the sanctuary after the morning service.

Congratulations to **Jon & Rachel Kinnas** on the birth of their daughter, **Nora Marie**, born on Friday, April 5.

Pray for strength and recovery for **Eric Johnson** following a recent minor stroke. Eric is currently at Marianjoy in Wheaton for some rehab.

Remember **Don Oostman** in recovery from successful hip surgery.

Please keep **Karen Tazelaar** in prayer as she continues on hospice care.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Kathy De Vries** who lives in Rolling Meadows.

Please add the **Brian & Danielle Voss family** to your church directory. Their address is 1S513 Lewis Ave. Lombard, IL 60148; 630-785-3258. **Dan Tobin's** current address is Cpl.Tobin, Daniel S., CLD-17 SPMAGTF19.2, Unit 89140, FPO AP 96611-4000.

Offerings

Today: AM: Timothy Tuition Fund. PM: Chicago West Side Christian School.
April 21: AM: Faith General Fund.
April 28: AM: Roseland Christian Ministries. PM: Many People's Church.

Announcements

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 listed in our Easter bulletin. Order Forms (envelopes) are available at the narthex sign-up counter. Please fill in the needed information, add the payment (\$17 each), and place in the Bulletin Announcement Box today. Lilies can be taken after Easter morning worship.

Men's Chorus (10:45), Easter Choir (11:15) and Orchestra (4:00 PM) will have their final rehearsal today. Please contact Jan or Donna with your questions.

Senior Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, April 16 at 1:15 PM. We'll be studying Revelation 8-12 (Lesson 5 in the study guide).

The Faith Book Club has chosen *And the Angels Were Silent* by Max Lucado for discussion. We will meet this Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 PM at Park Place. Newcomers are always welcome.

Help us bless our college students and military personnel this spring semester by donating snacks, toiletries, candy, stress balls or other fun study tools. Items will be accepted in Jonathan's office through April 21, and sent out the week of April 22 in time for spring finals. If your child has changed addresses since last semester contact Laura, lauramiller289@comcast.net.

Creative Connections: All women are welcome to join us on Thursday, April 25 from 6:30 - 9:30 PM to make a canvas wall art. The canvas is secured with wood on the top and bottom and twine is added to the top for hanging. Finished size is 8 1/2 x 10 and cost is \$5.00. You will be able to choose from 20 different sayings. Be sure to bring a friend or neighbor! Please sign up in the narthex and if you have any questions call Susan Middel, 630-656-2801.

Women and Girls of Faith, elementary school age and up and their friends are invited to breakfast Saturday, April 27 at 8:30 AM. Come to enjoy food & fellowship, and hear returning speaker, Heather Strooboscher.

Mission Emphasis Week continues on Sunday, April 28 with visits from Roseland Christian Ministries and Rev. Mike Moore. Be sure to sign up in the narthex for the All-Church Luncheon.

Music and the Mind! On May 3 at 10:00 AM, Mary Helen Ekstam from Journey Life Programs will show us how to use music to enhance one's mind, body and spirit. Come join us for a fun and spirited program guaranteed to get your toes tapping and your heart singing! Contact Cathy Bulthuis, 630-935-1849, or cathy@smartgate.com with questions. Sign up will be in the narthex.

Faith CRC SpringFest will be Saturday, May 4. Save The Date! Lots of fun activities are being planned. You won't want to miss out! We are currently looking for auction items. If you are willing to donate sports tickets, restaurant gift cards, services (i.e. babysitting, cooking etc.) or brand new, unused items, please contact Chris Slinkman, Chris.Slinkman@gmail.com or Corey Van Dyk, vandyk.corey@gmail.com or 224-267-5465.

Celebrate Life! Please sign up and take your "Life Is Beautiful" baby bottle at the Right to Life table in the Fellowship Hall, the Sign-up Counter in the Narthex, or the Nursery Counter today. Fill it with coins/bills/or a check and return it by Mother's Day, May 12, in the Fellowship Hall. By doing this, you are helping Caring Network celebrate life by meeting the physical and spiritual needs of women, and men, facing an unplanned pregnancy.

The Cadet Father/Son camp out is set for May 17 - 19. Fathers & sons of all ages are invited. More information to follow.

The Annual Memorial Day Hymn Sing will be May 26, 2019 at 6:00 PM!

VBS – ROAR! Join us from June 17-20 from 9:00 - 11:30 AM for a week to remember of worship, games, science station, Bible teaching and drama! Free for children aged four through 5th grade. Register online today.

Men's Retreat – Save the Date: Join us from October 4-6 for a weekend of fun, fellowship, food and faith-building. More details coming soon!

Administrative Assistant Search: The Staff Relations Committee is searching for a new administrative assistant for Faith. The position would have part-time flexible hours. If you need more details talk to Niki in the office. It would be our preference to have a current Faith CRC member fill the position. If you are interested in applying for this position please forward a resume and letter of interest to assitantsearch@faithelmhurst.org.

Loerop-Honduras. Consider being "helping hands" and donating children's chewable vitamins to La Ceiba, Honduras. Health and nutritional needs are always concerns in third world countries and vitamins help when children's dietary needs suffer. Place your donations in the container marked Loerop-Honduras by the Fellowship Hall piano.

Youth News

Memphis Trip Training: All participants are required to join us today in the church fellowship hall from 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM. Lunch provided.

The Gathering: Join us tonight as we talk about Love, Purity and Relationships.

Avenger's End Game: Join us at York Theater in Elmhurst at 6:00 PM on April 26. Cost: \$5. RSVP to hold your spot!

Youth and Young Adult Worship Night: All 6th graders through young adults are invited to join us on April 28 for a meal, fellowship and worshipping God through song and prayer (7:00 – 9:00 PM).

Asylum Games Night: All 6-8th graders are invited to join us from 6:30-9:30 PM on May 3 for a night of games, pizza and snacks! Feel free to bring your own and invite your friends!

Asylum will meet next on May 19 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Join us for a meal, fellowship, games and Bible study - invite your friends!!

This Week at Faith

Today

Sunday School & Catechism, 10:45 AM

Men's Chorus, 10:45 AM

Sermon Discussion Group, 11:00 AM

Choir Rehearsal, 11:15 AM

Orchestra Rehearsal, 4:00 PM

The Gathering, 7:00 PM

Monday, April 15

Deacons, 6:30 PM

Executive Committee, 6:30 PM

Council Meeting, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 16

Senior Bible Study, 1:15 PM

Faith Book Club, 7:00 PM at Park Place

Wednesday, April 17

Men's Prayer Group, 7:00 - 8:00 AM

Bible Study Fellowship, 9:00 AM

Cadets & Jr Cadets, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Thursday, April 18

Women's Bible Study, 9:00 AM

Women's Bible Study, 7:15 PM

Friday, April 19

Good Friday Worship, 7:00 PM

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Jen David **Next Week:** Barb Vroom

Kitchen: Scott & Staci Bryant, Byron & Cathy Plate*

Next Week: Ed & Kim Biesboer, Bob & Sharon Herlien*

Library: Jeri Cook, Laura Miller **Next Week:** Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa

Audio Visual: Todd Lindemulder, Logan Van Proyen, Colin Middel

Good Friday: Steve David, Mike Speelman, Adam Zarek

Next Week: Steve De Boer, Al De Los Santos, Adam Zarek

Nursery Hostess: Emily Hoving **Next Week:** Laura Lanser

Infant Nursery: Karen Folkerts, Julie Speelman, Sam David

Next Week: Mindy Slinkman, Allsion Sowers, Emily Turner

Toddler Nursery: Cindy Tazelaar, Laurie Van Dahm, Izzy David

Good Friday: Grace Harbaugh, Grace Lindemulder, Emily Turner

Next Week: Chelsea Barney, Alyssa Ridder, Hailey Bernahl

PM Nursery: Joy Koopmans, Caleb Lindemulder