

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Songs of Praise & Worship: #77 (WC)

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
"Who You Say I Am"

Relying on Grace

Prayer

Song of Worship:

"Speak, Oh Lord"

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Timothy Tuition Assistance

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Matthew 28:16-20 (*p. 989*),
Romans 10:13-15 (*p. 1121*),
Deuteronomy 6:5-9 (*p. 178*)

Sermon:

THREE PILLARS #1: GROWING MORE DEVOTIONAL

Prayer

Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #451 (PH)

"Take Time to Be Holy"

Benediction

Closing Song: #492 (PH)

"Glory Be to the Father"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Bass:

Carter Bulthuis

Guitars:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Vocalists:

Janna Piersma, Dan Roelofs, Sandy Roelofs, Heather Turner

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

God Calls Us to Draw Near to Him

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise: #101 (WC)

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Devotional

Devotional Pillar Prayer:

Song of Dedication:

Offering:

Bonnie Van Proyen

"Jesus Take All of Me (Just As I Am)"

My Brother's Kitchen

Relational

Relational Pillar Prayer:

Song of Worship: #398: 1,2,3 (PH)

Rebecca Anderson

"The Church's One Foundation"

Aspirational

Scripture:

Sermon:

Aspirational Pillar Prayer:

2 John 1-6 (*p. 1211*)

BACK TO BASICS

Matt Bulthuis

We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #482:1,2 (PH)

Benediction

Doxology: #482:5 (PH)

Postlude

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

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Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader and Sermon:

Piano:

Guitar:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Jan Slinkman

Matt Bulthuis

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

Today at Faith

This morning we'll hear the first message in a three-part series on the Mission of our church. Pastors Greg and Matthew are approaching that this year through three strategic Pillars that our Council wants us to focus on in the near future: growing more Devotional, Relational, and Aspirational together. Join us as we explore the implications of these three Pillars for Faith.

Tonight we'll continue our focus on Faith's three strategic Pillars with times of prayer for us to grow more Devotional, Relational, and Aspirational as a church. We'll also begin *The Long Walk of Faith*, a series on 2 and 3 John that will help us to focus on these Pillars in the months ahead.

Upcoming Worship at Faith

September 15, 9:30 AM: First Grade Bible Presentations,
Three Pillars for Faith: Relational

September 22, 9:30 AM: Baptisms, Three Pillars for Faith: Aspirational

September 22, 6:00 PM: Hymn Sing

September 29, 9:30 AM: Elim Worship Team

Prayer & Praise

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

Please be in prayer this week for our Serve Team (**Lambert Bronger, Al De Los Santos, Randy Heerdt Jr., Bill & Flory Hoving, Mary Huizinga, Dan Kooyenga, Greg & Lynda Lanenga, Jaci Lanenga, Don Oostman, and Herm & Cindy Vander Naald**) serving at Tapestries of Life Ministries in Mexico. They will return Saturday.

Please pray for **Dick Huisman** as he continues to undergo rehab at ManorCare in Hinsdale.

Please pray for **Judy Veldsema** as she is in Loyola Hospital due to congestive heart failure.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Grace Bolt** who went to her heavenly home on September 1. Services were held yesterday.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Wilma Folkerts** who lives at Park Place in Elmhurst.

Offerings

Today AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance

September 15 AM: Faith CRC Cadets

September 22 AM: Faith CRC GEMS Girls Club

PM: My Brother's Kitchen

PM: Resonate Global Mission

PM: Gideons

The Deacons gratefully acknowledge the following **offerings** in June & July. We are happy to announce that the 2018-2019 **Timothy obligation** has been satisfied and we are already off to a great start for this school year.

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| Budget | \$99,170 | Luke Society | \$385 |
| Timothy Christian Schools | \$8,903 | Rehoboth Christian | \$385 |
| Faith Promise Missionaries | \$6,737 | PADS | \$382 |
| Benevolent Fund | \$4,733 | Vietnamese New Hope CRC | \$359 |
| All God's Children | \$1,525 | Horizon Community Church | \$301 |
| Education Fund | \$1,095 | Bible League International | \$242 |
| Crossroads Prison Ministries | \$837 | Chicago Christian Counseling | \$237 |
| Building Fund | \$797 | Asylum | \$200 |
| Lawndale CRC | \$541 | Daystar School | \$189 |
| Total Offerings for June/July: | \$127,018 | | |

Actual General Fund receipts from June 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 totaled approximately \$107,000 compared to budgeted receipts of \$134,000 or a \$27,000 shortfall to budget. Actual accrued expenses for the same period totaled \$136,000 or a \$29,000 actual shortfall.

Announcements

Today, during the Sunday School hour, Pastor Greg will lead a presentation on the highlights of **CRC Synod 2019**, our denomination's synodical meeting in June. Grab a cup of coffee and rejoin us in room classrooms 1 & 2 at 11:00 AM.

Registration is now open for **Morning Women's Bible Study**, **Evening Women's Bible Study** and **Mom2Mom**. Women's Bible Studies began last week and **Mom2Mom** begins Thursday, September 12 (9:00 – 11:00 AM with childcare available). For more information visit faithelmhurst.org/connect/women.

GEMS Girls Club will be starting its new season on Wednesday, September 11. All girls in 1st – 8th Grade are invited! We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Please join us and bring your friends. For more information, email Flory Hoving at bfhoving@aol.com.

The **Evangelism Committee** will be meeting this Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 PM in Room 4/5. At the beginning of the meeting, Jason Turner will be sharing ways to connect with our communities, and how our faith and work can intersect. Jason has served as a pastor, currently works with Early Childhood Intervention, and is also in the process of becoming an Army Reserve Chaplain. Everyone is invited to come for this conversation with Jason; the Evangelism Committee will continue with a brief meeting afterwards.

Sunday School begins next week! Teachers this year are: 1st & 2nd Grades – Kathy Miedema, Bethany Voss, Bonnie Van Proyen & Karen De Los Santos. 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades – Jill Veenstra, Diana De Boer, Melanie Lumkes & Beth Clapier.

A new take on men's ministries is coming to Faith. Join **The Brotherhood**! After next week's morning service (September 15), we'll have a brief meeting to talk about a vision and plans for this year. Come if you've got fun ideas for activities, if you're interested in developing connections among men at Faith, or if you're just in the mood for a fun conversation. Get in touch with Brian Clapier, Dan Roelofs, Bern Slinkman, or Herman Vander Naald if you're interested in joining The Brotherhood.

Faith Book Club has selected "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson for discussion at their next meeting. "Just Mercy" is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice. We will meet on September 17 at 7:00 PM at Park Place of Elmhurst.

Seniors' Bible Study will be doing a study on heaven this fall. We'll work through a variety of New Testament texts that give us glimpses of heaven. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17 at 1:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up a study guide (*Heaven: Forever, for real, for sure*) from the sign-up counter in the lobby. Contact Pastor Matthew with any questions.

The **Cadet & Jr. Cadet** season will kick-off with Mother/Son Night at Enchanted Castle (1103 S Main Street, Lombard) on Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 PM. Moms, Grandmas, Aunts, Ladies: bring your Cadets and Jr. Cadets for some pizza, mini-golf, go-karts, laser tag and much more. You'll find information in your mailbox or on the table in the Narthex. Sign up in the Narthex or call Lambert Bronger with questions 630.665.9422.

The **Discipleship Committee** will be meeting on Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 PM in Room 4/5.

Reserve September 21 for the **Faith CRC Golf Outing** at Maple Meadows Golf Club to benefit the Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. Start time is 1:00 PM with dinner to follow. \$100 per golfer. Anyone can join for the dinner for \$25 per person. Sign up online at faithelmhurst.org/connect/golf-outing or in the narthex today. Contact Cal Boonstra at calvinboonstra@yahoo.com or 708.932.7696 for more information.

Dr. Derke Bergsma will be leading a series of four lessons on **The Teaching Ministry of Jesus** during our Sunday School time on September 22 and 29, and October 13 and 20. Jesus is the master teacher without equal. Not only what he taught, but also how he taught, can revive our souls. Come and be blessed!

Creative Connections will be held on Thursday, September 26 from 6:30 – 9:30 PM. Learn how to make a fall hoop wreath from an embroidery hoop, fabric, ribbon, fall floral and a scripted word of your choice (see sign-up sheet for selection). The wreath will be a perfect addition to your kitchen or front porch. Sign up in the narthex, cost is \$7.50. For more information, contact Susan Middel at 630.656.2801 or smiddel6@yahoo.com.

Join us for a **Young Adult Kick-Off BBQ** at the Middel residence (Ray & Susan; 355 W Harrison Street, Lombard) on Friday, September 27 at 6:30 PM. There will be plenty of food, fellowship and yard games! We'd love to see you there. Please RSVP to kaylamiddel@gmail.com. All upcoming meetings can be found on the church calendar at faithelmhurst.org/resources.

The Diaper Derby has begun! Please help our church collect diapers, wipes and Walmart gift cards for **Caring Network** through September 29th. All donations benefit Caring Network's baby programs which provide material goods, parenting classes and spiritual support to new parents in need. Place your donations in the crib in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Retreat: Join us October 4 – 6 for a weekend of fun, fellowship, food and faith-building. High school age and up are invited. Come and go as you please; \$10/night per camper; check-in and check-out is 11:00 AM. Email Jason Turner (pastorj4j@gmail.com) to RSVP or sign-up on the sheet in the narthex.

Faith CRC will be volunteering at the **PADS**. site on October 12 and 13 – the **SECOND WEEKEND** of the month. This will be for October only; November – May we will be back to the regular schedule of the first weekend of the month. Sign-up sheets will be in the Fellowship Hall starting in September.

You're invited to explore the Bible in a new way this year! **COMMA groups** will be watching Bible Project video summaries of the first five books of the Bible, then diving into selected texts. We'll have the opportunity to encounter Scripture in a fresh way through the videos and through coloring, drawing, marking-up, and generally just paying careful attention to the passages. We'll be using the COMMA method (Context, Observation, Meaning, Messiah, and Application) for this study, and you're invited to join these monthly times of pausing to pay attention to God's Word. We'll have a couple groups at different times; contact Pastor Matthew or Laura Lanser for more details.

The **6th – 8th Grade Catechism Class** is collecting aluminum cans. Proceeds will be going to All God's Children/Hogar De Ninos Honduras. Empty aluminum cans should be put into a plastic bag and placed in front of the garage in the church parking lot.

Faith Cadets is in need of Cadet Counselors as well as special event and outing helpers for this ministry season. Men, if the Spirit is prompting you to minister to boys in our church, contact Lambert Bronger at 630.665.9422 for more information.

We have many opportunities for you to **grow in your faith** relationship with the Lord and those around you. If you're looking for a way to learn more about Jesus, to develop deeper connections with other people of Faith, or reach out to your neighbors in service and witness, we have a place for you! Contact Pastors Greg or Matthew, an elder, or a ministry leader if you'd like some guidance in how to get involved.

Come pray with us every Sunday morning from 9:10 – 9:20 AM in classroom 1, 2, or 3 on the north side of our facility. Prayers are lifted up specifically for the morning worship service—for those involved in leading and those attending, as well as for the many caring for children during morning worship.

Join the **Technology Team!** Each worship service requires three volunteers in the Tech Booth to run sound, projection and video. No experience is needed, just a willingness to learn. Contact Dan Kooyenga at dande1001@gmail.com or office@faithelmhurst.org for more information.

Are you interested in music? Do you play an instrument or love to sing? The **Worship Team** is always open to adding new members. If you would like to use your gifts to lead singing on Sundays, please contact Pastor Greg or Matt Bulthuis (matt@smartgate.com) to learn more.

Weekly Faith CRC Emails. Are you on our email list? If not, please add your name to the list at the sign-up counter, or contact office@faithelmhurst.org. You'll receive weekly emails about Sunday worship services and special events and also occasional mid-week prayer requests from the Faith Church family.

Youth News

The Gathering (High School, 2 Sundays/month 7:00 – 9:00 PM). Join us with your friends for the first regular meeting of the season TONIGHT at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Logan Van Proyen at loganvp@gmail.com.

Asylum (Middle School, 6-8th grades, 1 Sunday/month 7:00 – 8:30 PM) will kick-off their season next Sunday, September 15 at 7:00 PM. Contact Bethany Voss at beth.voss2@gmail.com for more information.

The **Faith Foundations Classes** (grades 6-8 and 9-10) will begin meeting next Sunday, September 15 from 10:45 – 11:30 AM. These classes work through the Heidelberg Catechism as a guide to understanding the foundational truths of the Christian Faith. Contact Lambert Bronger (lambertbronger@gmail.com) or Brad Wieringa (bpwieringa@hotmail.com) with any questions about the 6th – 8th grade class, and Dave Voss (voss7@comcast.net) for anything about the 9th – 10th grade group.

The **Faith in Context Class** (grades 11-12) will have its first meeting next Sunday, September 15 from 10:45 – 11:30 AM. Building on our Faith Foundations, this course will work through a number of issues in our contemporary context. Contact Pastor Matthew with any questions about this class.

Attention 6th – 12th Graders: mark your calendars for the **Fall Retreat** set for October 11-13. We will join Pathway, City View, West Suburban and Grace Church youth groups at Lake Geneva Christian Camp in Wisconsin.

Community News

The **Voice of the Martyrs** is having a conference in the Chicago area on Saturday September 14th at the Edman Memorial Chapel at Wheaton College from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Come and learn about the persecuted church all over the world and learn what you can do to help our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted for the sake of Christ. Register at vomadvance.com/conference/58/ Doors open at 8:00 AM.

Roseland Christian Ministries will host (It's a women's night out!) On September 16 at 7:00 PM at Elmhurst CRC, join special guests Amy Bakker Baty J.D. (estate planning attorney, **Barnabas Foundation**) and Andrea Prince Karsten (financial advisor) for a candid and informative conversation for women ages 55+, whether single, married, widowed or divorced. Gain practical, confidence-building insight on money and planning – both from Scripture and the experience of other women. Learn more and register at barnabasfoundation.com/PeaceofMind.

Timothy Christian School's Apple Pie Day is coming and volunteers are needed. To volunteer on Monday, October 7 to assemble boxes from 7-9 PM or Tuesday, October 8 to make the pies beginning at 8 AM, contact Cindy Huiner at chuiner@comcast.net or 630.369.7991. To purchase pies for \$10 each, contact trudy.munk@gmail.com or 708.415.6846 and communicate your name, phone number, and pie order. For more information, to sign up to volunteer or to order pies you can also go to timothychristian.com/apple-pie-day/.

Save the Date! **Caring Network's Annual Banquet** at Drury Lane in Oak Brook is on Thursday, October 24 at 6:00 PM. Keynote speaker is Lee Strobel, author of *The Case for Christ*. Caring Network clients and President Beth Rockouski will also share their insights.

Join **Providence Life Services** on Friday, November 1, at the Union League Club of Chicago to celebrate the ministry of Providence at our 59th Annual Torchlight Dinner! Go to torchlight2019.com to register, or contact Joan at jschutt@provlife.com.

Paul's Missionary Journeys In Greece (April 2-14, 2020): Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's 2nd and 3rd missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, Professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, visit jeffreyweima.com or contact Dr. Weima at 616.28.3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

This Week at Faith

Sunday, September 8

Synod Report, 11:00 AM

Kutenda Prayer Group, 10:45 AM

Monday, September 9

Deacons Meeting, 6:30 PM

Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM

Elders Meeting, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, September 10

BSF Leader's Meeting, 9:00 AM

Wednesday, September 11

Men's Prayer Group, 7:00 AM

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF), 9:00 AM

GEMS Girls Club, 6:30 PM

Evangelism Committee Meeting (Room 4/5), 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 12

Mom2Mom, 9:00 AM

Sunday, September 15

Faith Foundations 6-8th (Choir Room), 10:45 AM

Faith Foundations 9-10th (Room 10), 10:45 AM

Faith In Context 11-12th (Room 12), 10:45 AM

Sunday School sings (sanctuary), 10:45 AM

Sunday School Teacher's Meeting (Room 4/5), 10:45 AM

The Brotherhood (Room 2/3), 10:45 AM

Asylum Kick-Off, 7:00 PM

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Sharon Rozendal

Kitchen: Logan & Bonnie Van Proyen*, Brad & Kathy Miedema

Next Week: Hank & Becky Vander Naald*, Spencer & Rebecca Anderson

Library: Jeri Cook, Laura Miller

Library Next Week: Laurie Wieringa, Kathleen Glaubke

Audio Visual: Steve De Boer, Chris Slinkman, Mike Speelman

Next Week: Dan Kooyenga, Colin Middel, Al De Los Santos

Nursery Hostess: Jayne Lindemulder **Next Week:** Flory Hoving

Infant Nursery: Ruth Flikkema, Val Hoving, Laurie Vander Naald

Next Week: Chelsea Barney, Mary Huizinga, Emily Turner

Toddler Nursery: Melanie Lumkes, Julie Speelman, Lumkes Child

Next Week: Laura Van Kampen, Christina Muruato, Caleb Lindemulder

PM Nursery: Susan Middel, Linda Van Dyk

Next Week: Jill Veenstra, Etta Veenstra

Faith Ministry Contact Information

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| Asylum (grades 6-8) | Bethany Voss 630-833-6051 |
| Bible Study Fellowship | Jen Cozette 708-491-8241 |
| Cadets Boys Club | Lambert Bronger 630-665-9422 |
| Children's Church | Christy Hooker 630-832-5378 |
| Creative Connections | Susan Middel 630-656-2801 |
| Crossroads Prison Ministries | Ray Middel 630-862-1861 |
| Deacons/Finance | Steve David 630-967-8672 |
| Disability Advocates | Don & Laura Miller 630-279-0350 |
| Discipleship | Herm Vander Naald 630-707-0335 |
| | Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900 |
| Elders | Dirk Glaubke 312-375-6431 |
| Evangelism | Peter Holtrop 630-953-2938 |
| | Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900 |
| Fellowship | Spencer Anderson 630-488-8412 |
| | Peter Holtrop 630-953-2938 |
| GEMS Girls Club | Flory Hoving 630-279-5294 |
| Hospitality/Meals | Spencer Anderson 630-488-8412 |
| Library | Chuck Slinkman 630-730-4018 |
| Membership Classes | Pastor Schuringa 630-279-1779 |
| Men's Bible Studies | Steve David 630-967-8672 |
| | Christopher Koopmans 312-718-0293 |
| Men's Prayer Group | Lambert Bronger 630-665-9422 |
| Missions | Don Oostman 630-983-7239 |
| Mom2Mom Ministry | Sarah Schuringa 630-279-0016 |
| Music Ministries | Len Turnbull 630-941-8213 |
| Nursery | Joy Koopmans 616-610-0259 |
| PADS | Lambert Bronger 630-665-9422 |
| Profession of Faith Classes | Pastor Schuringa 630-279-1779 |
| Right to Life Committee | Lambert Bronger 630-665-9422 |
| Safe Church Ministry | Chris Kakabeeke 630-359-5007 |
| Senior Bible Study | Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900 |
| Shalom Committee | Ray Middel 630-862-1861 |
| Shoebox Ministry | Jill Veenstra 630-969-0089 |
| Stephen Ministry | Grace Harbaugh 630-624-9468 |
| Strategic Team | Dirk Glaubke 312-375-6431 |
| Sunday School | Joy Hoving 630-780-9862 |
| Technology Ministries | Dan Kooyenga 708-261-7531 |
| The Gathering (High School) | Logan Van Proyen 219-730-8537 |
| Transportation | Corey Van Dyk 630-917-1365 |
| Ushers | Ray Rozendal 630-782-1998 |
| Women's Bible Study | Sarah Schuringa 630-279-0016 |
| Young Adults | Nathan & Kayla Middel 630-935-9594 |