

## Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Songs of Praise: #594:1,3,4 (LH)

"The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear"  
"10,000 Reasons"

## Relying on Grace

Presentation of Bibles to Our First Graders:

*Jonathan Barney, Director of Youth Ministries*

*Al De Los Santos, Sunday School Teacher*

Prayer:

*Jim Engel, Elder*

Song of Worship:

"O Church Arise"

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

## Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Faith Cadets

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Judges 3:1-11 (p. 235)

Sermon:

**4 RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

Prayer

## Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #484 (PH)

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

Benediction

Doxology: #95:1 (WC)

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Postlude

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Violin:

Kristen Voss

Flute:

Morgan Hoving

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: #523:1,2,3 (WC)

"Trust and Obey"

## We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 27-28 (*p. 17 in the back of the PH*)

Prayer

Song of Worship: #398:1,2,4 (PH)

"The Church's One Foundation"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Gideons

## God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

1 Peter 1:1-2 (*p. 1200*)

Sermon:

**CHOSEN STRANGERS**

Prayer

## We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #378:1,2 (PH)

"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"

Benediction

Doxology: #378:3,4 (PH)

"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"

Postlude

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

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

## Today at Faith

**This morning** we continue in a new sermon series on the book of Judges: *Silver Linings in Dark Ages*. We'll see this morning, as we read about Othniel, the first judge in the book, how to engage in spiritual warfare, and win!

**This evening** we're beginning a new sermon series: *1 Peter: Hope for the Journey*. This book invites us to live as God's chosen strangers in this world. We'll begin tonight with 1 Peter 1:1-2.

## Upcoming Worship Highlights at Faith

September 23, 9:30 AM: Baptism Sunday

October 7, 9:30 AM: Communion

## Offerings

Today: AM: Faith Cadets. PM: Gideons.

September 23: AM: Faith GEMS. PM: Bethshan.

September 30: AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Ebenezer CRC.

## Prayer & Praise

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

Congratulations to **Adam & Kelly Zarek** on the birth of their son, **Bodee Robert Zarek**, on September 11.

**Karen Tazelaar** spent some time in the hospital this week with pneumonia. She was hoping to go home by the weekend.

**Elmer Vos** is at Marianjoy in Wheaton for rehab following some heart issues. Please keep Elmer and Wilma in your prayers as he regains strength and they consider treatment options.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Peter Voss** who lives in Lexington Square in Elmhurst, IL.

At a recent Elders meeting **Scott Bryant's** profession of faith and desire to join the Faith Church family was accepted. Also, at their request the memberships of **Ken, Sue and Emily Folkerts** have been released so they can affiliate with Cedar Church (OPC) in Jenison, MI. And the memberships of **Ryan & Sara Swanson and family** have been transferred to Pease CRC, Pease, MN. May God richly bless them in their new church homes.

**Ben & Theresa Vander Naald** have a new address: Lexington Square, 400 W. Butterfield #404, Elmhurst, IL 60126; 630-617-4141. Please update your church directory.

## Announcements

**Children's Church returns today!** Children ages 3- kindergarten are invited to exit the sanctuary when indicated in the service and spend some time singing and learning Bible stories. They can be picked up in the south wing of church.

**Today is the first day of Sunday School!** Students in grades 1-5 should be in the sanctuary for singing at 10:45 AM. They will be dismissed from their classes at 11:30 today. Teachers will meet in room 9 at 10:45 AM. Teachers this year are: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades – Bonnie Van Proyen, Kathy Miedema, Al De Los Santos and Bethany Voss; 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades – Diana De Boer, Jill Veenstra, Melanie Lumkes, and Chris Kakabeeke.

**Catechism Classes also begin today.** Grades 6-8 will meet in room 3 with Lambert Bronger and Brad Wieringa, Grades 9 & 10 will meet in room 2 with Jonathan Barney and Dave Voss and grades 11 & 12 will meet in room 1 with Pastor Matthew.

**Seniors' Bible Study** will begin meeting on Tuesday, September 18 at 1:15 PM. This fall we'll be looking at several parables of Jesus, using the study *Generosity: How God's Radical Grace Makes Us Givers*. This study will help us to encounter and respond to the reality of God's grace in different areas of our lives. Pick up a study guide in the church office if you're interested in being part of this study. Contact Pastor Matthew for more information.

**Faith Book Club** has selected *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* by James Martin, SJ for discussion at their next meeting. This story invites believers and seekers alike to experience Jesus through Scripture, prayer and travel through the storytelling of Father Martin. Come to know Jesus as the author does, as Messiah, Savior, brother and friend. We will meet on Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00 PM at Park Place. As always, newcomers are welcome.

**The Discipleship Committee** will be meeting this Wednesday, September 19, at 7:00 PM.

**Faith CRC Golf Outing is this Saturday, September 22** at Maple Meadows golf club to benefit our Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. Start time is 1:00 PM with dinner to follow. Cost is \$100 per golfer. Anyone can join us for the dinner for \$25 per person. Sign up online or in the narthex today. Contact Jon Huizinga, 708-476-4263 for information.

**Young Adult Bowling and Laser Tag:** Join us at Main Event in Warrenville from 8:00 – 10:00 PM on Saturday, September 22. Feel free to invite others. Please RSVP to Jonathan, [jbarney@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:jbarney@faithelmhurst.org).

**Wednesday Evening Men's Bible Study** is planning to meet on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month. Contact Steve David or Dirk Glaubke if you'd like to join this group.

**What's in the Bible? Family Small Group:** Pastor Matthew and Laura Lanser will be hosting a *What's in the Bible?* group on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Join us for a whole-family potluck supper, fellowship and learning about the Bible. We'll watch a video series called *What's in the Bible?* by Phil Vischer (the founder of Veggie Tales). These videos walk through the Bible in a way that's fun to watch and easy to understand. The videos are geared toward lower elementary students, but younger and older kids (and adults) enjoy them too. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 25 at 6:00 PM. Contact Pastor Matthew or Laura Lanser for more information or if you plan to attend.

**The Friday Men's Bible Study** meets two Fridays a month from 6:30 - 7:30 AM. We're currently working through the book of 1 Samuel and seeing how God works graciously in the midst of challenging circumstances. Contact Christopher Koopmans or Pastor Matthew for more information. Our next meeting will be Friday, September 28.

**GEMS Annual Spaghetti Supper** is earlier this year, Thursday, October 4 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Don't cook! Come and enjoy dinner and fellowship while the GEMS bless you with their very attentive service. Come hungry!

**The Big Picture of the Bible:** Need some perspective? In the midst of our day-to-day lives, we need continual reminders of how God's Word shapes our lives, and gives us a story to live into. This October, Dr. Derke Bergsma will be leading a Sunday morning course on the big picture of the Bible. The course will meet from 11:00 to 11:45 AM beginning on October 7. Dr. Bergsma will walk us through the key movements in the story arc of the Bible, and he'll share with us a bit about his new book *Monday through Friday in the Word*.

**For the Life of the World Group:** Pastor Matthew and Laura Lanser will be hosting a monthly study entitled *For the Life of the World*. This study reflects on living as exiles in this world in the areas of family, work, justice, wisdom, wonder/art, and hope. We'll watch a brief video together, read a section or two of Scripture, talk, pray, and have a snack too. We're planning to meet at 7:15 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, with our first meeting on October 9. Contact Pastor Matthew or Laura Lanser for more information or if you plan to attend.

**Creative Connections** is planning a "Pinterest" theme night! Who doesn't love Pinterest? And who doesn't pin crafts and recipes that they will probably never make? Well Creative Connections is the place to be to fix that! Ladies join us on Thursday, October 11 from 6:30 to 10:00 PM to make a Pinterest craft! We will be making a rustic style mason jar wooden wall sconce, or two if you would like! (Cost: \$7.00/per sconce) Also, you are encouraged to bring a copy of your favorite Pinterest inspired recipe and a Pinterest craft you have made or would like to make to share and inspire others. Crafting is more fun with friends, so bring your neighbor, coworker or anyone else who would enjoy a night out with other women. Sign up is in the narthex or if you need more information please call Susan Middel, 630-656-2801.

**Pastor Greg and Sarah Schuringa** are planning on leading a small group in their home this church year on the second Friday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, starting on October 12. The topic will be a DVD series and discussion on the idea of biblical generosity. Please let us know if you'd like to join in! [gschuringa@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:gschuringa@faithelmhurst.org); [sschuringa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sschuringa@sbcglobal.net).

**Young Adult Meal:** Join us for food, fellowship and discussion on Sunday, October 28 at 7:15 PM. Please RSVP to Jonathan, [jbarney@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:jbarney@faithelmhurst.org) with a main dish or side.

**Young Adult Discipleship Groups:** Looking to become a more cross-exalting, gospel-saturated disciple of Christ with other like-minded people? Join a discipleship group. Groups meet by gender for encouragement, Bible study and prayer. The men will finish David Platt's *Radical* this fall. Contact Jonathan Barney for more info.

**Young Adult Small Group:** All are welcome to join the Barney's small group which meets every other week at 10:00 AM on Saturdays at the Barney's house near church! Join us for a brunch treat, coffee, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. Contact Jonathan for more information.

**Wanted! Men** to stand in the gap in prayer, for our families, our churches, our country and our world. Join us on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:00 AM in room 4-5. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions contact Lambert Bronger, 630-665-9422, cell 630-346-8324. Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Group.

**Diapers! Diapers! Diapers!** Remember how quickly those diapers are used up by a newborn? Well, here's your opportunity to help a mom who may be in need of the basic material supplies for her baby! Please consider buying diapers, wipes, or Walmart gift cards to donate to Caring Network's Diaper Derby. Drop off your donations in the crib in the Fellowship Hall.

**Updated College and Military Addresses:** If you have not already emailed Jonathan this year, please fill out the updated address on the sheet in the narthex. We'll be using these to send care packages and keep in touch throughout the year. Thank you!

**The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism Class** will be collecting aluminum cans. Proceeds will be donated to *Feed My Starving Children*. Please help us by saving your cans and dropping them off in tightly tied bags by the garage.

## Youth News

**Big Night of Worship:** Join us tonight and meet with seven local church youth groups at Elmhurst CRC to begin the school year unified in Christ in worship, fellowship and prayer. We'll meet from 7:00 – 9:00 PM on Sunday, September 16. No meal provided.

**Cadets and Jr. Cadets Mother/Son mini-golf outing** will be held this Wednesday, September 19 at Lost Mountain Adventure Golf in Woodridge beginning at 6:30 PM. All 1st - 8th grade boys are invited to join us. More information is in your church mail boxes and at the sign up area in the Narthex. We'll end our evening with pizza at church after golf. Any questions call Brad Wieringa, 630-495-8956 or 630-201-1437.

**GEMS Girls Club will begin on Wednesday, September 26.** *Blessed* is our theme! We will meet from 6:30 - 8:30 PM for a time of praise, small group activities, games, and crafts. All 1st - 8th grade girls and their friends are invited! Please e-mail Diana DeBoer at [dideboer@comcast.net](mailto:dideboer@comcast.net) if you did not get an e-mail with details.

**Press Pause Youth Fall Retreat at Lake Geneva** on October 12-14: All 6th - 12th graders are invited to join us to "press pause" for a time of fellowship, rest, worship and prayer. No teaching. No cell phones. It's time to unplug, slow down and be with the Lord. We will be joining four other Elmhurst church youth groups (Cityview, Pathway, West Suburban and Grace). Registration due September 28.

**Soup Kitchen:** Join us to serve lunch at Breakthrough Urban Ministries' Men's Center on September 29, 9:15 AM – 1:00 PM. Parent chaperones wanted. Limited spots.

## This Week at Faith

### Today, September 16

Children's Church, Sunday School and Catechism all begin today.  
Big Night of Worship for Area Youth Groups from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at Elmhurst CRC.

### Tuesday, September 18

Senior Bible Study will meet at 1:15 PM.  
Faith Book Club will meet at 7:00 PM at Park Place of Elmhurst.

### Wednesday, September 19

Men's Prayer Group will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 AM.  
Bible Study Fellowship will meet at 9:00 AM.  
Cadets Mother & Son Mini Golf will be at Lost Mountain at 6:30 PM.  
The Discipleship Committee will meet at 7:00 PM.

### Thursday, September 20

Women's Bible Study will meet at 9:00 AM.  
Women's Bible Study will meet at 7:15 PM.

### Friday, September 21

Asylum will meet from 5:30 – 6:45 PM.

### Saturday, September 22

Faith Golf Outing at Maple Meadows, begins at 1:00 PM.  
Young Adults to Main Event in Warrenville from 8:00 -10:00 PM.

## Serving Faith Church

**Welcome Team:** Ted Vander Naald **Next Week:** John Veldsema  
**Kitchen:** Pete & Barb Holtrop, Gerrit & Lori Wieringa\*  
**Next Week:** Jim & Kathleen Lindemulder, Byron & Cathy Plate\*  
**Library:** Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa **Next Week:** Chuck Slinkman  
**Audio Visual:** Todd Lindemulder, Logan Van Proyen, Adam Zarek  
**Next Week:** Steve David, Mike Speelman, Ryan David  
**Nursery Hostess:** Flory Hoving **Next Week:** Sarah Schuringa  
**Infant Nursery:** Val Hoving, Mary Huizinga, Sophia Schuringa  
**Next Week:** Mindy Slinkman, Bonnie Van Proyen, Grace Lindemulder  
**Toddler Nursery:** Rebecca Anderson, Kim Kooyenga, Paige Hoving  
**Next Week:** Chelsea Barney, Ruth Flikkema, Luke Miller  
**PM Nursery:** Grace Harbaugh, Hannah Schuringa  
**Next Week:** Bethany Voss, Caleb Lindemulder

## Faith Ministry Contact Information

Asylum (grades 6-8) (Middle School Youth Group)	Jonathan Barney 630-279-0420
Bible Study Fellowship	Jen Cozette 708-491-8241
Cadets Boys Club	Lambert Bronger 630-665-9422
Children's Church	Christy Hooker 630-832-5378
Crossroads Prison Ministries	Ray Middel 630-862-1861
Deacons/Finance	Steve David 630-967-8672
Disability Advocates	Don & Laura Miller 630-279-0350
Discipleship Committee	Greg Lanenga 708-562-6697 Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Elders	Dirk Glaubke 312-450-4893
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 630-655-9422
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
P.A.D.S.	Lambert Bronger 630-665-9422
Profession of Faith Classes	Pastor Schuringa 630-279-1779
Right to Life Committee	Lambert Bronger 630-655-9422
Safe Church Ministry	Don Miller 630-279-0350
Senior Bible Study	Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Shoebox Ministry	Evelyn Wieringa 630-495-8956
Shut-in Visitation	Bern Slinkman 708-492-0114
Stephen Ministry	Grace Harbaugh 630-624-9468
Sunday School	Joy Hoving 630-780-9862
Technology Ministries	Adam Zarek 312-434-0527
The Gathering (High School)	Jonathan Barney 630-279-0420
Transportation	Corey Van Dyk 630-917-1365
Ushers	Ray Rozendal 630-782-1998
Women's Bible Study	Sarah Schuringa 630-279-0016



## 2018 – 2019 ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS

<b>Church Members:</b>	<b>Elder/Deacon team:</b>
1. A– B	Mike Tornow/Mark Van Dahm
2. C– E	Pete Holtrop/Spencer Anderson
3. F – Hof	Len Turnbull/Jonathan Huizinga
4. Hol - J	Chris Kakabeeke/Dan Kooyenga
5. K – Li	Mike Hoving/Cal Boonstra
6. Lo – Ra	Don Oostman/John Tazelaar
7. Re – Taz	Greg Lanenga/Corey Van Dyk
8. Taz – Van D	Dave Voss/Adam Zarek
9. Van K – Vel	Bern Slinkman/Scott Piersma
10. Ven – Z	Jim Engel/Chris Slinkman
Out of Town	Don Miller/Steve David

## 2018 – 2019 FAITH CRC COUNCIL

**Rev. Greg Schuringa**, President

**Rev. Matthew Lanser**

### **ELDERS:**

Jim Engel – 2019  
Dirk Glaubke – 2021 (Vice-President)  
Pete Holtrop – 2020  
Mike Hoving – 2021 (Vicar)  
Chris Kakabeeke - 2021  
Greg Lanenga – 2019  
Don Miller - 2019 (Clerk)  
Don Oostman- 2019  
Bern Slinkman - 2020  
Mike Tornow – 2021  
Len Turnbull – 2020  
Dave Voss - 2020

### **DEACONS:**

Spencer Anderson - 2020  
Cal Boonstra - 2021  
Steve David – 2021 (Chair of Deacons)  
Jon Huizinga - 2019  
Jon Kinnas – 2019 (Treasurer)  
Dan Kooyenga - 2021  
Scott Piersma - 2020  
Chris Slinkman - 2020  
John Tazelaar - 2019  
Mark Van Dahm - 2021  
Corey Van Dyk - 2020  
Adam Zarek - 2019

## Announcements from our ministry partners

**Cyclists:** Save the Date: Saturday, October 6, 2018. Roseland Christian Ministries will be hosting a bike ride to raise funds for the Women's and Children's Transitional Housing program at RCM. The ride (40, 25, or 19 miles) will begin at 8:00 AM on Trinity Christian College's campus in the parking lot of the Bootsma Bookstore Café and take place on the Cal-Sag and Tinley Creek trails. Registration fee is \$45. Interested cyclists please send your email address to [pedal40@roselandchristianministries.org](mailto:pedal40@roselandchristianministries.org) for information and updates.

**Restorative Justice Conference, 9:00 AM - 3:40 PM, Saturday, October 6, 2018;** Ozinga Chapel, Trinity Christian College, 6601 West College Dr., Palos Heights, IL. In our world, we experience social division, mistrust, and violence. One of the best new approaches to successfully counter these maladies in classrooms, juvenile justice courtrooms, and many other settings is called *restorative justice*. Trinity Christian College and Andrew Elliott Rusticus Foundation host our second conference on this faith-based perspective. We open with Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart's experiential keynote and close with an inspirational talk by school transformer Robert Spicer. Between them, we have a five-person panel and eight workshops from which to choose. They feature a judge, lawyers, crime victims, police officers, educators, and expert practitioners – all attempting to change attitudes and systems. Pastors, principals, teachers, police officers, counselors, and anyone interested in social harmony – join us! Registration fee, with lunch, is \$25 through September 8; \$30 after. Full-time students are free. There is also a waiver at online registration for those unable to pay. Register at: [tccrestorativejusticeconference.eventbrite.com](http://tccrestorativejusticeconference.eventbrite.com). For details, contact [brad.breems@trnty.edu](mailto:brad.breems@trnty.edu).

**PrimeTime, October 11** - A year ago Phil Andrew visited PrimeTime to tell his amazing story as a FBI agent specializing in counter-intelligence and hostage negotiation. Now following his mandatory retirement, Phil begins a new role as the Director of Violence Prevention for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago. Join Primetime as Phil describes his new role and suggests how we as a Christian community can helpfully respond to the violence that has become so commonplace in our communities. All are welcome! 7:00 PM. Thursday, October 11 at the Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Rd. Want to know more? Call 630-630-530-2924.

**Timothy Christian School Apple Pie Days** are October 15 & 16. If you would like to volunteer, you can sign up at [www.timothychristian.com](http://www.timothychristian.com) or call Cindy, 630-369-7991. Pies can be purchased for \$10 each and can be frozen or baked immediately. We will be making 900 pies this year so place your order early and avoid disappointment. Pies can be picked up on Tuesday, October 16 in the High School Cafeteria from 10:30 AM until 6:00 PM. Cash or check is accepted. If you would like to order a pie, please submit your orders at [www.timothychristian.com](http://www.timothychristian.com). Click on the "parents" tab at the top of the page and look under Announcements and News for "Apple Pie Day". If you would prefer to order by phone or email, please contact Trudy at [Trudy.munk@gmail.com](mailto:Trudy.munk@gmail.com) or at 708-415-6846 and communicate your name, phone number, and pie order. Always remember to pre-order your pies in September as they sell out every year.