

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Worship: #459 (PH)

"Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult"

Relying on Grace - Preparing for Communion Next Week

Song of Confession, Assurance, and Commitment:

"O Great God"

God's Will for Our Lives

Prayer

Song of Worship:

"It is Well"

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

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Faith General Fund

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Genesis 12:1-9 *(p. 11)*

Sermon:

GOD'S CALLED PEOPLE

Prayer

Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #514:1,2 (WC)

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

Benediction

Doxology: #953 (LH)

"Now Blessed Be the Lord our God"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Violin:

Kristen Voss

Bass:

Carter Bulthuis

Guitars:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

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

God Calls Us to Worship

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Song of Praise: #307 (PH)

"Ye Who His Temple Throng"

We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith:

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

Prayer

Songs of Worship:

Congregation's Choice

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Ebenezer CRC

God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

John 3:16; 15:16; Romans 9:10-16; 10:14,15; 11:33-36;
Ephesians 1:4-6; 2:8; (*pp. 1052, 1069, 1120, 1156*)

Sermon:

DORT400: UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION

Prayer

We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #387 (PH)

"I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew"

Benediction

Doxology: #950 (LH)

"Go Now in Peace"

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)

Worship at Faith

This morning we're picking up our occasional morning series *Who Are We? God's Gift of Identity*. Genesis 12:1-9 will show us that we are God's Called People.

This evening, on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the Synod of Dort (it was held in 1618-1619) we're starting a five part series on the Canons of Dort, one of our church's confessions. These are commonly called the "5 Points of Calvinism," and affectionately remembered by many with the acronym TULIP. Also this evening, there will be opportunity to choose your favorite worship song during our Hymn Sing.

Next Sunday morning we plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Offerings

Today: AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Ebenezer CRC.

October 7: AM: Faith Promise Missionaries. PM: Pacific Island Ministries.

October 14: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. PM: New Leaf Resources.

October 21: AM: Faith Youth Group. PM: Life on Wheels.

October 28: AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Back to God Ministries.

Prayer & Praise

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

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Marge Stears** who lives in Burr Ridge, IL.

Happy Birthday to **Marge Van Kampen** (83) on October 1, **Jerry Dykstra** (84) on October 12, **Annette Klein** (90) on October 13, **Florence Zaagman** (81) on October 23, **Bonnie Ridder** (87) on October 26, **Ben Vander Naald** (90) on October 27 and **Marcia Evenhouse** (82) on October 29.

"We want to express our sincere thank you to the congregation, Pastor Matthew and Rev. Schuringa for your love, support and prayers during Ron's illness. We are so blessed to have a church family such as this."

Karen Tazelaar, Gert Tazelaar

Announcements

Seniors' Bible Study this fall will 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 on the sign-up counter if you'd like to join; we'll be doing Lesson 2: "Generosity and Relationships" next. We'll meet at 1:15 PM this Tuesday, October 2.

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 this Friday, October 5.

GEMS Annual Spaghetti Supper is this 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: *The Unfolding Mystery: Meeting Jesus in the Old Testament*. The course will meet from 11:00 to 11:45 beginning next week Sunday, October 7 and continuing on October 14 and 21. Dr. Bergsma will walk us through the key movements in the story arc of the Bible, and he'll share with us a little bit about his new book *Monday through Friday in the Word*. If you're planning to come next week, please read the first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew.

Three Soap Sundays! On October 7, 14 and 21 there will be boxes in the Fellowship Hall marked UCCA for your donations of bar soap and body wash. These items will be distributed to the clients of the United Community Concerns, the same organization that we have donated toothpaste to in the past. Their clients are deeply appreciative of our generous donations!

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! gshuringa@faithelmhurst.org; sschuringa@sbcglobal.net.

The Faith Book Club has chosen *The Church in Babylon* for discussion at the next meeting. Dr. Erwin Lutzer answers the question "How do we live faithfully in a country becoming more and more hostile to our faith in Christ?" The next meeting will be held on October 23 at 7:00 PM at Park Place of Elmhurst. As always, new members are welcome to join us.

Save the date! October 25, 2018: Caring Network's Annual Banquet will be held at Drury Lane in Oakbrook from 6:00 - 8:30 PM. Keynote Speaker: Alistair Begg. Expect a personal invitation from Faith's Right to Life Committee.

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 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.

The 7th & 8th Grade Catechism Class will be collecting aluminum cans. Proceeds will be donated to *All God's Children*. Please help us by saving your cans and dropping them off in tightly tied bags by the garage.

Thank you to all who participated in Caring Network's Diaper Derby by bringing in diapers, wipes, and/or Walmart gift cards. Your gifts will bless many families in our community. If you still have items to donate, speak to one of the Right to Life Committee members: Brongers, Loerops, or Slinkmans.

Youth News

The Gathering (high school students) are invited to join us at the church for friends, food, Bible study, and small groups tonight from 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

Cadets & Jr. Cadets meet this Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at Church. Please hand in your paper work & uniform orders.

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 is due TODAY.

Soup Kitchen: Join us to serve lunch at My Brother's Kitchen in Berwyn on November 3, 8:30 AM. Parent chaperones wanted.

This Week at Faith

Today, September 30

Sunday School and Catechism; 10:45 – 11:45 AM.

The Sermon Discussion Group; room 4/5 at 11:00 AM.

The Gathering; 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

Monday, October 1

The Executive Committee; 6:30 PM.

The Deacons; 6:30 PM.

The Elders; 7:00 PM.

Tuesday, October 2

Senior Bible Study; 1:15 PM.

Wednesday, October 3

Men's Prayer Group; 7:00 - 8:00 AM.

Bible Study Fellowship; 9:00 AM.

Cadets & Jr. Cadets; 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

Thursday, October 4

Women's Bible Study; 9:00 AM.

The GEMS Spaghetti Dinner; 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

Women's Bible Study; 7:15 PM.

Friday, October 5

Men's Bible Study; 6:30 AM.

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Cathy Bulthuis **Next Week:** Dave Printz

Kitchen: Val Hoving*, Mary Huizinga*, Gary & Lisa Vander Naald

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

Library: Chuck Slinkman **Next Week:** Nancy Boer, Sharon Herlien

Audio Visual: Steve De Boer, Mary Huizinga, Colin Middel

Next Week: Dan Kooyenga, Al De Los Santos, Chris Slinkman

Nursery Hostess: Joy Koopmans **Next Week:** Laura Lanser

Infant Nursery: Kelly Rauwerda, Heather Turner, Emily Turner

Next Week: Laura Van Kampen, Bonnie Van Proyen, Leah De Boer

Toddler Nursery: Sue Boonstra, Rachel Kinnas, Izzy David

Next Week: Diana De Boer, Melanie Lumkes, Jenny Lumkes

PM Nursery: Joy Koopmans, Sam David

Next Week: Susan Middel, Caleb Lindemulder