

## Events for the Week

### Monday, May 15

#### **10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer Group**

(Prairie Ridge Care Center, Grandview Cottage Dining Room)  
Questions? Contact Arlene Punt at 707-4600.

### Wednesday, May 17

#### **11:30 AM Seniors Lunch at the OC Pizza Ranch**

Questions? Contact Marilyn Jiskoot at 737--4041

#### **2:00 PM Ruth Circle**

Location: Landsmeer Ridge Private Dining room  
Lesson #7: "Mark 9:30-10:31  
Leader: Arlene Punt  
Hostess Vernie Van Engelenhoven

### Thursday & Friday, May 18 & 19

#### **Church Office & Building Closed**

Due to the Tulip Festival, the ARC building and office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, May 18 & 19.

### Pastors' Vacation, Guest Preacher, & Elders on Call

*Vacation!* Pastors Elizabeth and Mike will be on vacation from Monday, May 22 through Memorial Day—Monday, May 29. The Rev. Shirley Folkerts will be leading worship on Sunday, May 28. If you have a pastoral emergency during the pastors' vacation, please contact the church office or the elder on call:

Kim Van Es (Mon., May 22 - Sat., May 27): 712-722-1440

Kathy Gabel (Sun. and Mon., May 28-29): 712-707-9170

*\*Note: the pastors are working this coming week (May 15-May 21).*

### **◆ Learning to Ask...**

The rich ruler asked Jesus, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

The Bible is full of people asking questions. From beginning to end, God's people ask questions, think deeply about faith, and wrestle with the mystery of God. On June 4 we will be starting a new series called, "Learning to Ask..." We want to invite you to participate by submitting questions about the Bible, faith, Christianity, religion, Reformed theology and more. While we won't have time to address all the questions in six weeks, we will compile these questions into common themes as the basis for the series.

Please place your questions in the box by the Welcome Center or submit them via email ([elizabetharcoc@gmail.com](mailto:elizabetharcoc@gmail.com) and [mikearcoc@gmail.com](mailto:mikearcoc@gmail.com)) on or before June 4.

## **Participating in Worship**

The Congregation  
Sharon Bartlett  
Laura Jonker, Teresa Sampson, Mary Schram  
Jeff Tolsma, and Angela Kroeze Visser  
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman  
Benjamin Langton  
Jeff Tolsma, Chair - ARC Deacons  
Kit Fynaardt, Heather Gabel,  
Noelle Sampson, and Trevor Tullar  
Mass Hands of Praise: 2nd-12th Grade Students  
Rosalyn De Koster & Laura Jonker, Directors

Serving the Lord in Worship  
Organist  
Praise Team

Leading in Worship  
Children's Message  
Stewardship Report  
High School Graduates

The Lord's Prayer



## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

May 14, 2017



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## THE APPROACH TO GOD

*The congregation is invited to read the bold font.  
\*Indicates you may stand if you wish.*

PRELUDE Variations on “Jesus Shall Reign” Hatton; arr. Cherwien

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*SONG OF WORSHIP “Across the Lands”

\*GOD’S GREETING

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Adapted from a prayer by Horton Davies  
Our God, whose Son is the light of the world,  
**in his penetrating light we acknowledge our darkness;**  
**in his constant grace, our careless love;**  
**in his generous giving, our sordid grasping;**  
**in his equal justice, our dire prejudice;**  
**in his fortitude, our fearful failure;**  
**in his inclusive love, our deep divisions;**  
**in his pure sacrifice, our soiling sins.**

*(Please use this time of silence for personal confession.)*

Gracious God,  
**in the cross of Jesus we find our forgiveness,**  
**and in his resurrection our enduring hope.**  
**The pardon and the promise now we claim,**  
**in penitence and faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS “I’ll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62)”

## THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*All children will remain with us in worship today.*

\*SONG OF PREPARATION “By Faith”

SCRIPTURE Acts 9:23-30

SERMON “Undone by Easter: Brought Down and Sent Off”

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*(Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.)*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

OFFERTORY “Coronation” Holden, arr. Schelat

\*DOXOLOGY #809

RECOGNIZING & PRAYING FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

THE LORD’S PRAYER

\*SONG OF RESPONSE #92 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”  
w. 1-3

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG #92 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”  
v. 4

\*POSTLUDE Variations on “Jesus Shall Reign” Hatton; arr. Cherwien  
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### Remembering God’s People in Prayer

Please be in prayer for:

\***Vernie Van Engelenhoven** as she journeyed to Omaha on Tuesday, May 9 to meet with her eye specialist. Depending on the results of Vernie’s exam she may undergo surgery on her eye to repair a hole that has been leaking fluid. Vernie has been struggling with eye and vision issues for some time, so please pray that today’s appointment would result in resolution to these issues.

We offer prayers of blessing for:

\***Blair & Sarah (Palmer) Punt**, who were united in marriage at the Prairie Winds Events Center in Orange City on Saturday, May 13. We pray for God’s blessing on their union, and we extend our congratulations to Blair’s parents and grandparents, **Joel & Junia Punt** and **Dennis & Arlene Punt**.

### Announcements

#### ♦ May 7, 2017 Congregational Meeting Results

At the congregational meeting held on Sunday, May 7, Les Cleveringa, Marlene De Zeeuw, and Bill Kepp were elected to the office of elder. Deb Anderson and Brent Sampson were elected to the office of deacon. Les Cleveringa and Marlene De Zeeuw drew three-year terms; Bill Kepp drew a one-year term. New consistory members begin their terms of service on July 1. They will be ordained and/or installed on Sunday, July 9. Please pray for the 2017-2018 ARC Consistory—that they will lead ARC well in engaging our mission as a community that gathers together to be transformed by Jesus to transform the world through acceptance, grace, wisdom, and love. Thank you for your participation in the consistory nominations and elections process.

#### ♦ Celebrate Heather Gabel’s High School Graduation TODAY!

You are invited to join the Gabel’s in celebrating Heather’s high school graduation today. Join us at the Little White Store downtown Orange City for an open house between **2-4 PM** this afternoon for some poffertjes.  
*...The Gabel Family*

#### ♦ Tulip Festival Community Worship Service

There will be no regular worship service at ARC on Sunday, May 21. All ARC members are invited to attend the Tulip Festival Community Worship Service at Windmill Park in downtown Orange City at 11:00 AM that day. Please bring your own blanket or lawn chair. First Christian Reformed Church will be leading worship, and the Rev. Jason Van Wyk from Living Water Community Church will be preaching. An offering will be received for various ministries in Orange City. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at First Reformed Church, located at 420 Central Avenue NW.