

November 16, 2008 **Morning Worship** 9:30 a.m.

ACTS OF ENTRANCE

Prelude

Welcome

*The Lord's Greeting

Pastor: May the grace, mercy and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you. Amen.

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship

*All Sing: Celebration 401 *The Church's One Foundation*

*Prayer of Adoration

*All Sing: Celebration 425 *Bind Us Together*

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Christian Living

Prayer of Confession

All Sing: Celebration 486 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Prayers of the People

The Offering: General Fund and Ministry Shares
(Children's Worship Dismissal – 2-5 yr. olds)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

*All Sing: Celebration 408 *How Firm a Foundation*

Scripture: (pg. 1676) John 14:16-17

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: **FOR ALL THE LONELY PEOPLE**

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

*All Sing: Celebration 415 *We Are Called to be God's People*

ACTS OF DISMISSAL

***Pastor:** Go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ and may his presence and his power and his peace go with you. Amen.

***People:** Amen! Thanks be to God!

*All Sing: Celebration 54 *My Tribute*

Postlude

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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People: And also with you. Amen.

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship

*All Sing: Celebration 539 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

*Prayer of Adoration

* All Sing: Celebration 543 *'Til the Storm Passes By*

SERVICE OF PROFESSION

*Our Testimony

All Sing: See back *Out of Need and Out Of Custom*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: (pg. 1628) Luke 18:1-8

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: **WILL HE FIND FAITH?**

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

*All Sing: Celebration 527 *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

Prayers of the People

The Offering: E.M. Christian High School

ACTS OF DISMISSAL

***Pastor:** Go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ and may his presence and his power and his peace go with you. Amen.

***People:** Amen! Thanks be to God!

*All Sing: Celebration 737 *Like a River Glorious*

Postlude

*Please stand, if able

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GREETERS: a.m., Rob and Amy VandenBerg, Harold Wykstra; p.m., Dean and Carolyn VanderMeulen. Next week: a.m., Jerry and Mary Bronkhorst, Bill Snook; p.m., George and Ruth Fennema.

USHERS: Don Wubben, Earl Wykstra, Wes Leep. Next week: Dean Wubben, Keith Fennema, Loretta Fennema.

NURSERY: a.m., Mary Bouman, Julie Wubben, Jenny Mejeur; p.m., Mina VanElderen, Megan Westendorp.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Joanne Mejeur, Lane Mejeur, Hannah Damsteegt. Next week: Dawn Anderson, Lacey Smith, Jesse Damsteegt.

LIBRARY: a.m., Nancy Tuinstra; p.m., Megan Westendorp. Next week: a.m., Jeanine VanderKam; p.m., Joel Westendorp.

CORRESPONDENCE: Marilois Leep – Rev. DeYoung; Nate Leep – Rev. Meyer; Rob Leep – Josh Shaarda; Stan Leep – Chip Nightengale; Wayne Leep – Jeremy Leep; Wes Leep – Adam Rook.

OFFERINGS: a.m., General Fund and Ministry Shares; p.m., E. Martin Chr. High School. Next week: a.m., East Martin Christian School; p.m., Home Missions.

COUNCIL MEMBER PRAYER REQUEST: This week please remember to pray for Scott Rillema, as well as the entire council, that they may be strengthened by God to worthily fulfill their duties.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

FOR PRAYER: Pray for Hank Korringa as he is getting set for chemo and radiation treatments. A chemo port was installed Friday and a feeding tube will be placed Wednesday.

Continue to pray for Ruth Mejeur. A persistent infection has slowed the healing process. Pray that the infection go away and healing takes place.

BIRTHDAY WISHES: Our sincere congratulations to Jim Scholten as he celebrates his 83rd birthday on Wednesday, November 19. We pray for God's rich blessing!

OUR CHURCH WEEK

Sun: Fellowship Coffee 7:30 Youth Group Discussion
SS & Catechism

Tue: 6:00 Sewing Night Out
7:00 Education Committee

Wed: 9:30 Coffee Break & 6:00 GEMS

Story Hour

Thu: 11:00 Young @ Heart 7:00 Building Committee

Sat: Jr. High Youth Group

SPECIAL NOTES

THIS WEEK: Jesus asked some searching questions as he taught his disciples and met people. The next Sunday evenings we will look at some of those questions as they challenge our thinking and faith.

Echoes articles are due today.

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP: Youth Group discussion will take place this Sunday evening at 7:30 at Randy and Mary's.

JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP: It's time to examine our Attitudes once again! Our next meeting is this coming Saturday, November 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the church basement. Also, check your youth group schedule concerning a special gathering tonight. Hope to see you there!

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: The next Worship Committee meeting will be held Monday, November 24, at 7:30 p.m.

THANKSGIVING DAY: The Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Youth Group will be held Thanksgiving morning beginning at 7:00 a.m. Our Thanksgiving Day Worship Service will be held next week Thursday, November 27, at 9:30 p.m.

Envelopes are in the pews for your Thanksgiving offering; extras are in the narthex for families who need them.

WORLD HUNGER: With your support we've had another successful World Hunger campaign. This year, our church raised over \$500 in the Peter Fish Banks for CRWRC's ministry to people around the world. Thank you for "giving up" together on behalf of poor and hungry people around the world.

FROM THE DEACONS: 1. The General Fund giving is behind by a considerable amount compared to past years. Please prayerfully consider the needs of the General Fund in your future giving.

2. Tuition assistance is available for families who are struggling with the cost of Christian education. Please speak with a deacon if you are experiencing a need in this area.

YOUNG AT HEART: The Young at Heart Group will meet this week Thursday, November 20, at the Music Barn at 11:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS TEA: It's time to sign up for the Christmas Tea which will be held on December 9. If you invite others to come

with you, please list their names with yours so that we can seat the group together. Please consider hostessing a table for 8 guests. See Carolyn VDM, Rena or Marcia if you have a question.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON: The Martin Board of Education extends an invitation to all senior citizens of the Martin School District to come and enjoy a special Thanksgiving luncheon on Tuesday, November 25, at Brandon Elementary Wyatt Center. A family style Thanksgiving luncheon with all the traditional fixings will be served at 12:30 p.m. Please call Martin Public School at 672-7194 or Carolyn Bouman at 672-5469 by November 21 for a reservation.

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS: Join Jeff Weima, professor of N.T. at Calvin Seminary, for a study tour of key biblical and archeological sites in either Greece (April 2-14) or Turkey (May 15-27). Each evening features a special study session on "Paul: His Life & His Letters." For info, contact Dr. Weima at 800-388-6034 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Contemporary Testimony -- God's New People

34. In our world, where many journey alone, nameless in the bustling crowd, Satan and his evil forces seek whom they may scatter and isolate; but God, by his gracious choosing in Christ, gathers a new community— those who by God's gift put their trust in Christ.

In the new community all are welcome: the homeless come home, the broken find healing, the sinner makes a new start; the despised are esteemed, the least are honored, and the last are first.

Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.

35. The church is the fellowship of those who confess Jesus as Lord.

She is the bride of Christ, his chosen partner, loved by Jesus and loving him: delighting in his presence, seeking him in prayer—silent before the mystery of his love.

36. Our new life in Christ is celebrated and nourished in the fellowship of congregations, where we praise God's name, hear

the Word proclaimed, learn God's ways, confess our sins, offer our prayers and gifts, and celebrate the sacraments.

37. God meets us in the sacraments, communicating grace to us by means of water, bread, and wine.

In baptism, whether of the newly born or newly converted, God reminds and assures us of our union with Christ in covenant love, the washing away of our sin, and the gift of the Holy Spirit—expecting our love and trust in return.

38. In the Lord's Supper, Christ offers his own crucified body and shed blood to his people, assuring them a share in his death and resurrection.

By the Holy Spirit, he feeds us with his resurrection life and binds us to each other as we share one loaf and cup.

We receive this food gladly, believing, as we eat, that Jesus is our life-giving food and drink and that he will come again to call us to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

39. The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy.

Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others and together confess our need for grace and forgiveness.

Restored in Christ's presence, shaped by his life, this new community lives out the ongoing story of God's reconciling love, announces the new creation, and works for a world of justice and peace.

40. We grieve that the church, which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and spans all time, place, race, and language, has become a broken communion in a broken world. When we struggle for the truth of the gospel and for the righteousness God demands, we pray for wisdom and courage. When our pride or blindness hinders the unity of God's household, we seek forgiveness.

We marvel that the Lord gathers the broken pieces to do his work and that he blesses us still with joy, new members, and surprising evidences of unity.

We commit ourselves to seeking and expressing the oneness of all who follow Jesus, and we pray for brothers and sisters who suffer for the faith.