

**Morning Worship ~ 9:30 AM
February 15, 2026**

God Gathers Us into Worship

Prelude
*Call to Worship
*Opening Song: LUYH 567 *Here I Am to Worship*
*Prayer
*Mutual Greeting

We Lift Our Voices to God in Worship

*Songs of Praise: CH 3 *Holy, Holy, Holy*
CH 690 *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought*
Reading of the Law/Christian Living

We Respond Through Prayer

Praises and Prayer Concerns
Congregational Prayer
Offering *General Fund/Ministry Shares*

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture: **Nehemiah 6** (P. 757)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Message: **Faithfulness is Fruitfulness**
*Song of Response: CH 408 vs. 1-3 *How Firm a Foundation*

God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission

*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song CH 408 v. 4 *How Firm a Foundation*

*Please stand if able

**Evening Worship
6:00 PM**

God Gathers Us into Worship

Prelude
*Call to Worship
*Opening Prayer

We Lift Our Voices to God in Worship

*Opening Songs: CH 210 vs.1, 2, & 4 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
CH 8 *Come Thou Almighty King*
*Apostles Creed

We Respond Through Prayer

*Song of Prayer CH 488 *Just As I Am*
Praises and Prayer Concerns
Congregational Prayer
Offering *LEMA Institute*

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture: **Matthew 5:33–37** (P. 1503)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Message: **Are Oaths Beneficial and Permissible?**
Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 37 (Page 51 back of the Psalter)
*Song of Response CH 526 vs. 1-3 *The Solid Rock*

God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission

*God's Parting Blessing
*Closing Song CH 526 v. 4 *The Solid Rock*

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*Come!
Let us
worship
together,
in spirit and truth!*



OUR VISION

Our purpose, having been called by Christ to a life of service, is to glorify God through Biblical worship, strengthening and enriching one another in the Christian life, and sharing Christ's love through word and deed in faithful witness, both within our congregation and outside our fellowship.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for God's guidance and direction for Dennis DeYoung this week.

OFFERINGS

Today AM: General Fund/Ministry Shares
PM: LEMA Institute

Next Week AM: Martin Area Resource Center
PM: Rehoboth Christian School

GREETERS

Today AM: Nancy Minegar & Joan Kammeraad, Dennis DeYoung
PM: Bruce & Sue Tiemeyer

Next Week AM: Tom & Deb Rook, Vern Klaasen
PM: Scott & Jen Tuinstra

LIBRARY

Today Linda DeYoung

Next Week Ida Westendorp

NURSERY

Today Riley and Addison Tuinstra

Next Week Jessica Tucker

USHERS

Today Bram Katje, Glenn Leep, Wes Leep

Next Week Bruce Mejeur, Dave Mejeur, Keith Smit

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER: March 8

OUR WEEK February 15, 2026

<u>Sunday</u>	8:00 AM	Prayer Group
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Coffee
		Sunday School
	7:30 PM	Her True North
<u>Monday</u>	7:00 PM	Building and Grounds
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 PM	Worship
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:45 AM	Coffee Break
	6:00 PM	GEMS/Cadets
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study

Confessing our Faith: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Confession of Sin and Assurance

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved You with our whole heart,
nor trusted fully in Your saving work.
Forgive us, for the sake of Jesus Christ.
Gracious Father, hear now the good news we confess:
Jesus Christ, true God from true God,
was given for us and for our salvation.
He suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried—
and on the third day He rose again.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
You assure us that in Christ our sins are forgiven,
our guilt is removed,
and we are made new.
Therefore, live in peace and hope:
in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven
and share in the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Elders	Districts	Deacons
Harold Wykstra	A – DenBoer	Doug DeMann
Cameron Tuinstra	Dendel – G. Leep	Kevin Bouman
Dennis DeYoung	N. Leep – Rillema	Dean Wubben
Don Wubben	Rook – VanderMeulen	Tim Westendorp
Dave Misner	VanEldren – Z	Vern Klaasen

All articles for the *Echoes* are due today.

Men's Bible study group will be starting up a new study on February 18. We will be studying Spiritual Warfare by Jack Kuhatschek. If you were considering getting into a Bible study group, it would be a great opportunity to join as we delve into an interesting study on spiritual war going on around us, how to detect it, and how to combat it with God's strength and tools. If you feel led to join contact Keith Smit, he'll make sure you have a book. The group meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in church.

Sunday, March 8 everyone is welcomed to a luncheon in the church basement after the morning service about 11-11:15 am. Please come eat and fellowship together!

Thank you to those who have already provided a meal for the youth group. There is a signup sheet if you would like to provide a, upcoming meal.

Our GEMS leaders are planning for next year. Do you have a skill or talent that you could teach the GEMS girls in an hour? Please see Amy Kalkman, if you are interested in teaching a craft/concept to the GEMS girls.

East Martin Christian School's Annual Wild Game Dinner is this Saturday, Feb.21! Doors open at 4 p.m.; dinner is at 5 p.m. Please RSVP if you plan on coming by visiting www.eastmartin.org. If you're willing to make a dish, please contact Jen Tuinstra at 269-779-2323.

Mid-America Reformed Seminary invites you to the 2026 Spring Student Lectures, to be held on Tuesday, March 10, on campus in our new chapel. The lectures will feature Dr. Mark Jones, minister at Faith Vancouver PCA, presenting "Losing My Religion," a three-part series from Luke 15 examining sin, backsliding, warning signs, and genuine repentance. Afternoon sessions run from 1:00 – 4:30 PM (CT) and include Q&A periods and refreshment breaks. Those unable to attend in person may watch via live stream on Facebook and YouTube. Register online at www.midamerica.edu to secure your spot.

SON-Life Camp Staff Needed!! SON-Life Camp is now hiring paid staff for our upcoming summer camp season. If you love working with kids and want to serve Christ in a fun, faith-filled environment, visit www.son-lifecamp.org.

Sermon Series: The Book of Nehemiah: Rebuilding, Reforming, and Restoring

Sermon Recap: Nehemiah 5 shows that God's work cannot thrive where sin is ignored and repentance is absent, even when outward progress is visible. When God's redeemed people forget mercy, growth turns into oppression, but when sin is confronted and repentance is practiced, compassion follows and the community is restored. Ultimately, the passage points to Christ, where repentance and compassion meet, freeing God's people from self-centered living and shaping them into a gracious and just community.

Sermon Title: Faithfulness is Fruitfulness

Sermon Text: Nehemiah 6

Sermon Outline:

1. Always Make the Main Thing the Main Thing (1-4)

2. Always Depend on God (His Promises and our Prayers) (5-9)

3. Always Be Discerning (10-19)

Sermon Series: The Heidelberg Catechism

Sermon Recap: Lord's Day 36 teaches that the Third Commandment reaches far deeper than avoiding careless words about God, because our speech reveals the true condition of our hearts. Drawing from James 3:1–12 and Lord's Day 36, it shows that God's holy Name calls for reverence that shapes how we speak about Him and about others made in His image. Our tongues expose both the power and corruption of the heart, and no amount of technique can tame them apart from repentance and grace. The sermon ultimately points to Jesus Christ, who bore the sin of our words at the cross, and who now renews our hearts so that our speech increasingly reflects reverence, truth, and grace, honoring the holy Name we bear.

Sermon Title: Are Oaths Beneficial and Permissible? (3rd Commandment Part 2)

Sermon Text: Matthew 5:33–37

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 37

Sermon Outline:

1. God's Holy Name Requires Truthful Speech at All Times

2. Oaths Are Permitted—but Only to Honor God and Serve Truth and Justice