

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

God Gathers Us into Worship

Prelude
*Call to Worship
*Opening Song: LUYH 762 *Ancient Words*
*Prayer
*Mutual Greeting

We Lift Our Voices to God in Worship

*Songs of Praise: CH 184 *Thy Word*
CH 406 *Wonderful Words of Life*

We Respond Through Prayer

Praises and Prayer Concerns
Congregational Prayer
Offering *East Martin Christian School*

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture: **Nehemiah 8** (P. 761)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: **Pitching Our Tents by the Word**

*Song of Response: LUYH 755 *Speak, O Lord*

God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission

*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song CH 434 v. 1 *Revive Us Again*

*Please stand if able

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

Sermon Recap: Nehemiah 7 shows that God was not only rebuilding Jerusalem's walls but rebuilding His people. True belonging to God's city means living with integrity, using our unique gifts for the unity of the church, and committing to the good of God's people. Ultimately, our belonging is secured in Christ, who calls us to faithfully love, serve, and participate in His church.

Sermon Title: Pitching Our Tents by the Word

Sermon Text: Nehemiah 8

Sermon Outline:

1. The Word of God is the Road Map for God's Pilgrim People (8:1–8)

2. The Word of God is the Sustenance for God's Pilgrim People (8:9–18)

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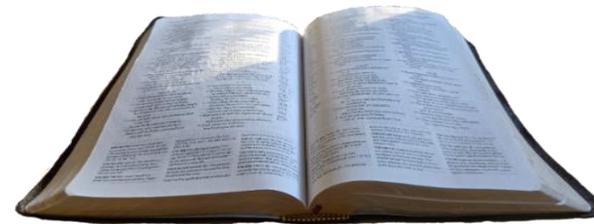
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*Come!
Let us
worship
together,
in spirit and truth!*



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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Today's combined evening Lenten service will be hosted by Martin Reformed Church at 6:00 pm.

All articles for the *Echoes* are due this week.

You are invited to join the Cadets and GEMS at East Martin Christian School gym this Wednesday, March 18 for their Pinewood Derby. There will be a fundraiser dinner at 5:00. Cars must be weighed in by 5:45 and the race begins at 6:00. Come cheer on the kids and enjoy a time of fellowship.

On Sunday evening, March 29 we will be hosting the combined Lenten service with the additional bonus of being blessed by the ministry of the Singing Crusader men's choir. We will need to provide snacks for the choir before the service and it would be nice if we could also provide cookies for after the service for a time of fellowship. There is a sign up list in the narthex. If you have any questions ask Libby.

We will be sending goodie boxes to our military personnel and college kids who live away from home. We will need approximately 9-10 dozen cookies. If you can help out it would be appreciated. Please sign on the sheet in the narthex if you can help. If you don't want to bake you can purchase something store-bought like chocolates or Kind bars/Larabars or something similar. We will pack the cookies on Tuesday, March 24, at 10 am so please have your cookies here either Sunday, March 22, or Monday, March 23.

We have an opportunity to bless two of our Church families by providing meals. If you are interested in bringing a meal, visit the Take Them a Meal site. For Nick & Courtnie Shealy and family enter: Shealy with password 1044. And for Steve & Sara Heffron and family enter: Heffron with password 4185.

We are thinking of doing a VBS for the daycare kids at East Martin Christian this summer, and we are in need of volunteers! There is a sign-up sheet in the back for anyone who is interested in helping.

We are seeking a reliable PowerPoint/Media Tech to prepare and run slides during weekly services. Hands-on training will be provided during live services. Some experience with either PowerPoint or Google Slides is preferred. This is a paid position and a great opportunity to support worship through technology in a meaningful way. Reach out to Sara or a member of the worship committee if you are interested.

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 invites you to come and explore our school on Thursday, March 19, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for families to tour the school, meet the teachers, and see how we are helping students grow spiritually and excel academically. We also invite homeschool families to discover and ask questions about our homeschool partnership. We hope to see you there!

Please join East Martin Christian School as they celebrate America's 250th birthday with a patriotic-themed Spring concert. The concert will be held on March 26 at 6:30 p.m. at East Martin CRC.

East Martin Christian School is hiring an Administrator/Teacher for the 2026-27 school year. This individual will provide day-to-day administrative oversight while also leading our Educational Support Services (ESS) or teaching assigned classes. The full job description can be found at <http://eastmartin.org/job-opportunities/> Please email application materials or direct inquiries to Mr. Jim Greydanus, Administrator at jgreydanus@eastmartin.org by March 18.

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.

Christian Neighbors host various opportunities for people to learn different techniques to help them maintain a healthy life and make wise budgeting choices. They could especially use some gardeners at this time, but if you enjoy helping others learn things that will help them cook, budget or other such subjects, or if you would like to learn from others who are sharing their gifts, contact Sharon at Christian Neighbors for more information.

Martin Township invites the community to come to an Open House at the Township Hall on March 16th from 4:00-6:00 pm. They would like your input and ideas about a Township Park for layout design and what you may want to see in a park.

COUNCIL MEMBER PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for God's guidance and direction for Cameron Tuinstra this week.

Shaarda Correspondence: Glenn & Nancy Leep

OFFERINGS

Today AM: General Fund/Ministry Shares
PM: @ MRC

Next Week AM: East Martin Missions
PM: Bible League

GREETERS

Today AM: Seth & Keri Watson, Cameron Tuinstra
PM: @ MRC

Next Week AM: Chase & Laura DeMaagd, Tim Westendorp
PM: Bruce & Renee Aukema

LIBRARY

Today Ida Westendorp

Next Week Rena Lynema

NURSERY

Today Laura DeMaagd

Next Week Riley and Addison Tuinstra

USHERS

Today Bruce Aukema, Randy Bouman, Joe DeKoekkoek

Next Week Kevin DeKoekkoek, Chase DeMaagd, Dave DeYoung

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER: June 14

	<u>OUR WEEK</u>	March 15, 2026
<u>Sunday</u>	8:00 AM	Prayer Group
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Coffee
		Sunday School
	7:30 PM	Her Truth North
<u>Monday</u>	7:00 PM	Building and Grounds
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 PM	Worship Committee
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:45 AM	Coffee Break
	6:00 PM	GEMS/Cadets
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study

Reading of God's Law as Summarized in Matt. 22:37-40

Leader: What is the great and first commandment?

People: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Leader: What is the second commandment like it?

People: Love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: What does this mean?

People: Love is the fulfilling of the law.

Leader: To what does this call us?

People: To a life of faith working through love.

Prayer of Confession: (A Puritan Prayer: Yet I Sin)

Eternal Father, Thou art good beyond all thought,
But I am vile, wretched, miserable, blind;
My lips are ready to confess, but my heart is slow to feel, and my ways
reluctant to amend.

I bring my soul to Thee; break it, wound it, bend it, mold it.
Unmask to me sin's deformity, that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from it.
Grant me to know that the way of transgressors is hard, that evil paths
are wretched paths, that to depart from Thee is to lose all good.

I have seen the purity and beauty of Thy perfect law, the happiness of
those in whose heart it reigns, the calm dignity of the walk to which it
calls, yet I daily violate and contemn its precepts.

Thy loving Spirit strives within me, brings me Scripture warnings, speaks
in startling providences, allures by secret whispers, yet I choose devices
and desires to my own hurt, impiously resent, grieve, and provoke Him to
abandon me.

All these sins I mourn, lament, and for them cry pardon.

Work in me more profound and abiding repentance;

Give me the fullness of a godly grief that trembles and fears, yet ever
trusts and loves, which is ever powerful, and ever confident;

Grant that through the tears of repentance I may see more clearly the
brightness and glories of the saving cross."