



**MATTHEW 28:16-20**

**For he [Jesus] had said to him,  
“Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!”  
Mark 5:8**

**Mission Emphasis Week**

This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, a gracious gift that God provides to Christ’s body, the church. All who have been baptized into Christ and who desire to honor him with grateful and obedient living are invited to participate in this sacrament, discerning that this bread and cup are signs and seals of God’s love for us and that we who participate are members of Christ’s body.

*We serve gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice.*

Liturgists: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys, Rev. Brad Zwiens

Preacher: Rev. Anthony Sytsma

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Flute: Amy Netz

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

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**Ten o’clock**

**October 6, 2019**

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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: “Jesus Shall Reign” [#219]

D. Cherwien, M. Burkhardt, J. Bender

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “The Lord Be with You”

Rienstra, arr. Greg Scheer

The Lord be with you. And also, with you.

The Lord, of heaven and earth be worshiped in this place.

The covenant of grace be renewed. The Lord be with you.

Lord, open our lips, and we’ll sing your praise.

O Lord, your unfailing love and mercy

Will endure as fresh and bright and sure as morning sun.

We bless you, Three in One!

\* Opening Hymn: “We Are Called”

**#296:1-3**

\* God’s Greeting

## WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\* Song of Response: “Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”  
(children may come forward)

#754:1,3,5

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Message for Children

Blessing for Children

Leader: People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

**Congregation: The Lord be with you.**

Children: And also with you.

**Congregation: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: “God of Our Life”

#404:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 5:1-20

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **JESUS’ UNEQUIVOCAL POWER**

Prayer of Application

\* Hymn of Response: “Here I Am, Lord”

#869:1-2

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offering Prayer: Nate Dierlam

Offering for World Renew – Hurricane Relief

Offertory: “How Great Thou Art” [#553]

K. Langlois, R. A. Hobby

## CHRIST WELCOMES US TO THE TABLE

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### \* Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*(God has given us his peace and we are invited to offer that peace to one another. Many people do this by shaking hands, but if for any reason you would rather not shake hands, you are encouraged to pass the peace with a smile and a nod, as you say, "The peace of Christ be with you.")*

#### Invitation

Distribution Anthems: "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling" Ralph Manuel

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today?"

Fields are white and harvests waiting, who will bear the sheaves away?"

Loud and long the Master calls us, rich reward he offers free;

who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me?"

If you cannot cross the ocean, and the distant lands explore,  
you can find the lost around you, you can help them at your door;  
if you cannot give your thousands, you can give the widow's mite;  
what you truly give for Jesus will be precious in his sight.

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"  
while the lost of earth are dying, and the Master calls for you.

Take the task he gives you gladly; let his work your pleasure be;  
answer quickly when he calls you, "Here am I, send me, send me."

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

Jerry Gunderson

We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace.

To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied.

We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released  
from hungry folk of every kind, the poor in body, poor in mind.

We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease,  
and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us still.

We come to the hungry feast.

#### Prayer

### WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

Hymn of Response: "They'll Know We Are Christians"

**#256:1-3**

(An offering is received for benevolence.)

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: "They'll Know We Are Christians"

**#256:4**

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us all one.**

*Refrain*

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.  
Amen.**

\* Postlude: "Festive Prelude"

James Pethel

### **WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM**

*Morning worship:* We begin our Mission Emphasis Week by welcoming missionaries Rev. Anthony and Sara Sytsma. Anthony preaches from Mark 5:1-20, and we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Bulletin cover design by Dean Heetderks a member of Covenant Christian Reformed Church in Cutlerville, Michigan, and art director of *Reformed Worship*. "In Matthew 28:16-20 the word 'Go' in the original is actually the participle form, 'Going.' So, the notion is not so much a command to go but that as we are going, we are to spread the word.

"What better way to represent the idea of our discipling as we are *going* about our business than by using the cloth most of us wear in one setting or another? Blue denim. Each of us walks a different path day-to-day but we were all given the same assignment of making disciples wherever we go. Or are going."

The Worship Committee has been soliciting song suggestions from our young people to use in our worship services. This morning we will be singing "We Are Called," #296, which was requested by Ethan Baker and Lydia Tolsma, "Here I Am Lord," #869, which was requested by Grace Spoelma, and "They'll Know We Are Christians," #256, which was requested by Lucy Molenbeek and Ethan Baker.

*Evening worship:* Sara Sytsma will lead us in a Bible study on 1 Peter 5:1-11. We will be blessed by learning from God's Word together and by experiencing the type of Bible study she leads for farmers in Uganda. The offering will be for Baxter Community Center.

Baxter Community Center is dedicated to providing Christian responses to human needs. It helps individuals and families meet their emotional, physical, and spiritual needs so they can create a future rooted in hope. Its services include a child development center, a health clinic, a mentoring program, a food and clothing pantry, financial counseling, and nutritional programs.

## **WORSHIP Next Sunday, October 13**

*Morning worship:* We will continue Mission Emphasis week as Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Matthew 5:13-16, “The Spice of Life.” We will learn about some of the missionaries we support around the world, and the offering will be for Mission Outreach.

*Evening worship:* Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from 2 Corinthians 5:10-21, “Kingdom Ambassadors.” The offering will be for the Holland Home Foundation.

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

We extend our sympathy to **Marilyn and Al Bratt** (district 2) and their family at the death of Marilyn’s sister Janet Tonsmeire on September 27.

**John Beernink** (district 1) was hospitalized last week and undergoing neurological testing. We pray for answers and for healing.

**Elaine Bardolph** (district 2) moved into Raybrook assisted living over the weekend. Pray for her in this time of transition. Her new room number is DeVos #249.

We have been praying for Adam Van Laar, grandson of **John Van Laar** (district 4), since his accident three months ago. After much time at Mary Free Bed for rehabilitation, Adam has plans to return home this week. Give thanks for this progress, and pray for him as he continues rehabilitation work at home.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

### **TLC and CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:**

2 - 4 year-olds “Jonah”

Kara, Clara, Abi

K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade “Jesus and the Paralytic”

## **MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS**

*Today*—**MISSION EMPHASIS SPEAKER:** Instead of our typical Adult Education session downstairs in Room 1, we’ll hear from our missionary guests Anthony and Sara Sytsma in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM. Before you head home for lunch, come to the Fellowship Hall to hear more about their work with World Renew in Uganda.

*Next Sunday*—**ADULT EDUCATION:** The Story of Kabala Christian School, Christian Education in Sierra Leone. Presenter: John D. Loeks

The presentation will discuss the challenges of offering a Christian education in an impoverished majority Muslim nation. Family, tribe, church, religion, tradition, culture, government regulation, commerce, poverty, political alliances, and historical dependencies rooted in a colonial past must all be considered.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** will have our first meeting for the fall this Wednesday, October 9, at 9:30 AM. We’ll be using the study guide *Questions Jesus Asks* by Dale and Sandy Larsen. Contact Pastor Rebecca or Sharon Hecker for a copy of the book. This week we’ll start with Jesus’ question “What do you want?” from John 1:29-42.

**FAMILY SUPPER:** A light supper will be provided at church on October 9 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. Districts 5 and 6 will serve food from 5:00-6:30.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** Calvin church will be hosting Family Promise families for the last time October 20-27. All help is appreciated. The sign-up board is near the kitchen.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Wednesday October 23 is the date to save lives as a congregation. Please consider donating blood at church between 2:30 and 7:30 in our Narthex. Interestingly, 17 % of people who don't give blood cite "never thought about it" as the main reason. And 15% say they're "too busy." If you have questions about this opportunity, please ask! To sign up, you may email Judy Bode or sign up online at:

[donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/108546](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/108546)

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Calvin Theological Seminary invites you to the inaugural **Patricia S. Duthler Series for Church Renewal** on Thursday, October 10. A public lecture will be held 7:00-8:30 PM in the Calvin Seminary Chapel entitled "Leadership for Church Renewal" and featuring speakers Jul Medenblik, Scott Vander Ploeg, and Orrin Woodward.

### **In Worship:**

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- Reprint and streaming licenses are One License A-730126 and CCLI#2532147.
- Our Missions banner was inspired by the words of Jesus in John 4:35: "I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." The stalk of golden wheat and the vast, field-like shape signify the Great Commission.
- Large print resources are available at the Information Desk.
- Adult coloring pages are on the TRIP table in the Narthex.
- Our facility is equipped with the Loop hearing system.



### **For Children:**

- Ages 0-2: Infant and toddler nurseries are available.
- Preschool: The Little Children (TLC) gathers downstairs in Room 19 prior to the morning worship.
- K-2<sup>nd</sup>: After the Children's Message the Children's Worship ministry meets downstairs in rooms 11 & 13 until the conclusion of worship. Parents meet their children there following the service.
- Busy Bags for young children are on the picket fence in the Atrium.
- Bulletins for older children are in the rack in the Narthex.
- Coloring pages and colored pencils are available at the table in the Narthex.

### **Fellowship and Information:**

- Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments following the morning service.
- All of our ministries are described in the colorful folders at the Information Desk near the nurseries.

	<b><i>Today, Sunday, October 6</i></b>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Roger & Judy Faber
	East Greeters: Ray & Jeannine Lanning
	Nursery Supervisor: Christine Coulter
	Nursery Helpers: Cheri Swets, Cindy Brink, Andrew Brink
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Suzi Steketee
	Coffee Servers: Bulthuis, Jansen
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Mission Emphasis Speakers: Rev. Anthony & Sarah Sytsma
12:30p	Safe Church Team meeting in the Conference Room
4:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
6:30p	CYG Bigger/Better Scavenger Hunt
	<b><i>Monday, October 7</i></b>
10-12p	Family Assistance
	<b><i>Tuesday, October 8</i></b>
9-3p	Family Assistance
6:30p	Building and Grounds meeting in the Lounge
	<b><i>Wednesday, October 9</i></b>
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Junior Bells
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Triezenberg)
	Allegro Ringers
7:00p	GEMS, Cadets, 78ers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<b><i>Thursday, October 10</i></b>
9-3p	Family Assistance
9:30a	Take Charge meeting
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<b><i>Saturday, October 12</i></b>
2:00p	Faith Van Halsema funeral
6:00p	Connections Club
	<b><i>Next Sunday, October 13</i></b>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Bob & Lynn McBroom
	East Greeters: Corrin & Lisa Meyer
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Helpers: Cindy Lanning Burch, Jan Wilkins, Annika Baker
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Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday  
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon  
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