



Bethel Christian Reformed Church
Sunday, November 8, 2020

Welcome! This morning's message will be from Matthew 23:1-12 - Practicing What You Preach" During the 5pm service Pastor Rick will look at Mark 4:35-41 – "Calming the Storm"

We will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during the morning worship. May God use this gift he has given through his Son Jesus to affirm our faith and draw us closer to him. If you have publicly confessed Jesus as your Savior and Lord, are sorry for sin and desire to live for him, we invite you to join with us and participate in communion. We will be using pre-packaged communion cups and so you are encouraged to pick them up prior to entering the sanctuary.



"SHOW ME JESUS" Sunday School: All PK (4 yr) – 6th Grade are invited to join us downstairs immediately after the morning service. Pick-up is 11:45am. All students and teachers are asked to wear a mask. **CATECHISM** for all 7th – 12th grade meets with Pastor Rick in the room next to the kitchen.

MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

God's Greeting

Scripture Reading

Songs:

- "Agnus Dei"
- "Be Unto Your Name"

Prayer of Praise

- "The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear"

Prayers of the People

Matthew 25:1-13 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Sermon: **Being Prepared**

Prayer

Song of Response: "Sing to the King"

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (using the distributed packets)

Parting Blessing

Closing Song: "By the Sea of Crystal"

5:00 SERVICE

Opening Hymn: "There Is A Redeemer"

Prayer

Time of Praise:

- "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" – W/C 590:1-4, 8
- "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Confession of our Faith: "Our World Belongs to God", 24 & 25

As the second Adam,

Jesus chose the path we had rejected.

In his baptism and temptations,

teaching and miracles,

battles with demons

and friendships with sinners,

Jesus lived a full and righteous human life before us.

As God's true Son,

he lovingly obeyed the Father

and made present in deed and word

the coming rule of God.

Standing in our place,

Jesus suffered during his years on earth,

especially in the tortures of the cross.

He carried God's judgment on our sin—

his sacrifice removed our guilt.

God raised him from the dead:

he walked out of the grave,

conqueror of sin and death—

Lord of Life!

We are set right with God,

given new life,

and called to walk with him

in freedom from sin's dominion.

Song: "The Blood that Jesus Sheds for Me"

Prayers of the People

Scripture: Mark 5:1-20

Lesson: **Jesus Casts Out Legion**

Prayer

Closing Song: "Go My Children With My Blessing"

SERVING TODAY **November 8 (Communion)**
Piano Amy Dekker
Usher AM: Todd Nanninga
Media Shout Katie Eenigenburg
Offering Ministries of Bethel and Lift Project

SERVING NEXT WEEK **November 15**
Piano Marla Vander Molen
Usher AM: Jon Dekker
Media Shout Scott VanVlymen
Offering Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

No offering will be taken during the service, but offering boxes are available by the sanctuary doors to place your gifts. Also, you can use our online giving at www.bethelcrcdemotte.org. Thank you!

AGENDA & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday	10:40am	Sunday School/Catechism
	6:15pm	YPS
Wednesday	9:30am	Coffee Break

CHURCH FAMILY: please keep in prayer:

- Continue to keep Elmer Vander Molen in prayer, for strength and encouragement.
- Keep Wes VanBruggen in prayer for a checkup he has this coming week, pray for continuing good results.
- Prayers for the Spirit's leading for all the Lord's children, that they might be a "light to the world" and the "salt of the earth" as Jesus says we are.
- Pray for wisdom and truth for all involved in the clarifying of the winner in the presidential election. Pray also for peace and a continuing sence of shalom that can pervade our communities during a time of protest and unrest.
- Cathy Evans, Ted and Donna Hoekstra's daughter, returned home after a bunch of treatments, tests, and more. She is grateful for the prayers of God's people, and asks that she continue to be lifted up for strength and stability of health.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning, in preparation for the upcoming Thanksgiving Day service on Thursday, November 26, some blank half-sheets of paper have been place in your mailbox, with the heading "I am thankful for...". These will be used in the Thanksgiving Day worship service for a prayer time. Please take some time to count your blessings, write them down, and drop them off in a basket on the council room table so that the congregation's reflection and input can be used as a part of our Thanksgiving Day worship prayer time. Extra sheets will be available on the council room table. Thank you!!

Our annual **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is set for Thursday, November 19, beginning at 7:00 p.m. In addition to discussing the annual budget, we will be voting for Elders and Deacons who will continue to serve in the next two years ahead. We will need two elders and two deacons. The nominations for Elders are: Rick Eenigenburg, Russ VanderMolen, Wes VanBruggen and Mike Zickmund,. The nominations for Deacons are: Andrew Dunham, Will Jansma, Scott VanVlyman, Jeremy Visscher and Brent Van Schouwen. We are grateful to these men who are willing to serve in this capacity. The Lord's will be done. Please be in prayer for the upcoming meeting.

YPS MEETS TONIGHT at 6:15pm at First CRC. Hope to see you all!**COFFEE BREAK BIBLE STUDY** meets on **Wednesday's at 9:30am.** and are studying the book of Esther. Nursery is available. We meet in the large hall downstairs to better comply with social distancing. Join us and bring a friend. Questions: See Brenda Vanderwal or Velma Ouwenga

DMCS IMPORTANT DATES:

Nov 5-20: "the Sheet Lady" Fund Raiser
Nov 9-23: DMCS Pampered Chef Fundraiser
Nov 10: Butter Braid pickup at CCHS 2-5pm
Nov 13-23: Scholastic Book Fair
Dec 1: DMCS Fall Chicken "Driver -up Dinner" at CCHS 5-7pm

We welcome anyone who might be visiting with us here at Bethel!

In light of worshipping together with the social distancing restrictions still in place, we want to share some of the guidelines we are continuing to follow:

- There will be no greeters at church during this time.
- Usher will be present to help seat. Every other pew has been "cordoned off" by the placement of hymnals and Bibles on the seats.
- We ask and encourage that people adhere to CDC guidelines in terms of washing their hands, not touching their faces, and maintaining social distancing while we are together.
- We encourage if you are sick, have a temperature, or believe you are an "at risk" person, that you stay home and take advantage of the on-line service opportunity.
- In light of the Mask Mandate by Governor Holcomb, we strongly encourage the use of face coverings as you enter the building, however you will not be turned away should you find it difficult to do so. Our number one concern is the health of our church family as we gather in worship, loving our God as well as our neighbor.
- There will not be an official nursery, with people there to watch children. Nursery will remain open in case a diaper needs to be changed, or to serve as a cry room if needed.
- Bathrooms are available. Again, please follow CDC guidelines about good hygiene.
- No offering plate will be passed during the worship service, but offering boxes will be available by the sanctuary doors in which you may place your gifts. Again, online giving continues to remain an option.
- Following the service, there will be no coffee or snack time. You are encouraged to NOT linger in the narthex, wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.

SERMON NOTES

9:30 a.m.

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Message: "Be Prepared"

5:00 p.m. Service

Scripture: Mark 5:1-20

Message: "Jesus Casts Out Legion"