

March 24, 2024

## **Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

### **Pastor Elshout**

Votum and Salutation\*

Psalter 243:2, 10, 11\*

Reading of the Law—Deuteronomy 5:1-24

Psalter 333:1, 4

Scripture: Matthew 27:26-38

Pastoral Prayer

Psalter 47:6-9\*

**Sermon Text: Matthew 27:33-35**

**Sermon Theme: The Crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ**

**1. What preceded the crucifixion**

**2. The crucifixion itself**

**3. What followed the crucifixion**

Prayer

Psalter 397:2, 4, 5\*

Benediction\*

Doxology: Psalter 373:1, 2\*

*\* Please stand as you are able*

### **Family Sermon Discussion Questions—Matthew 27:33-35 (AM Service)**

- 1\*. Golgotha was the place where Jesus was crucified. What does that name mean?
2. How does the fact that Jesus was crucified on Golgotha reveal the depth of man's fall and depravity?
- 3\*. Why did Jesus refuse to drink the vinegar mingled with gall?
4. Why is Scripture silent on the gory details of Christ's physical suffering?
5. Why do the words "they crucified HIM" represent the heart of the gospel?
6. How does the cross demonstrate that Christ came into this world to be the curse reverser?
7. Why is it significant that the parting of Christ's garments is mentioned in all four gospels?
8. Why did Jesus, as the Mediator and Substitute of His people, have to be stripped of His garments?

### **Question for Self-reflection**

- # Are you covered by Christ's righteousness? If so, on what basis do you believe this to be the case?

\* Questions for younger children

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## **Evening Worship – 6:00 p.m.**

### **Pastor Elshout**

Votum and Salutation\*

Psalter 92:1, 3\*

Scripture: Romans 3:19-31; 4:1-8

Confession: Apostle's Creed

Psalter 133:1, 3

Pastoral Prayer

Psalter 283:1-3\*

**Sermon text: Romans 3:24-26 (H. Cat., LD 23)**

**Sermon Theme: Justifying Faith**

**1. The benefits of this faith**

**2. The uniqueness of this faith**

**3. The function of this faith**

Prayer

Psalter 363:1-3, 5\*

Benediction\*

Doxology: 374:4, 5\*

*\* Please stand as you are able*

### **Family Sermon Discussion Questions—Lord's Day 23 (PM Service)**

1. Why do we, as sinners, need to be justified?

2\*. What rich benefits does justification yield to the believer?

3. Why is the word “only”—the opening word of the answer to question 60, and used five (!) times in Lord's Day 23—so significant?

4. Why must God **impute** righteousness to a sinner before He can **declare** him righteous?

5. What three aspects of our sinnership are mentioned in the answer to question 60?

6. What determines the believer's measure of assurance that he is justified before God?

7. Why is it so important to understand that the exercise of faith is not a meritorious work?

8\*. How does John 3:36 highlight the importance of faith in Christ?

### **Question for Self-reflection**

# Why does God reward the simple act of faith in Christ with such extraordinary blessings?

\* Questions for younger children

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*We welcome you all as we gather together for worship services this Lord's Day. May God's blessing and Spirit rest upon us as we meet in His presence.*

### **Prayer Requests and Thanksgiving**

- Ongoing prayer requests:
  - For a Spirit-wrought, nationwide revival.
  - For the congregation to be given open doors for evangelism in the Comstock community and elsewhere.
  - For those with afflictions of the body, mind & spirit, as well as the lonely, elderly, and widows in our midst.
  - For Providence Christian School and Grace Christian Academy, giving thanks for the safety of our students and the consistent sacrificial giving to financially sustain both schools.
  - For the persecuted church throughout the world.
  - For Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary.
  - For peace in Israel and in Ukraine.
- This week:
  - For Everett Dykhuis, whose sister recently passed away.

### **Announcements**

- Happy birthday and God's blessings to Henry DeVries (March 29).
- Please mark your calendar for our annual Seniors Dinner. It will be held on Thursday, April 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All those 60 and over are warmly welcome to attend! Invitations will be sent out soon with more information.
- A sign-up sheet for the annual church cleaning has been emailed to the congregation. This allows you to volunteer for any of the jobs listed and then do them when it works best in your schedule. Please talk to Maria VanDyke if you have any questions.
- Outreach Sunday is planned for June 2. Business/invitation cards will be available on the table with the bulletins. Please prayerfully consider who you would like to invite to this service.
- Dr. Mark Keldermen will speak to us on the foundations and practice of biblical counseling at our next topic night on April 17.
- Grace Christian Academy is seeking applications for a part-time art

teacher (2 hours/week). If you are interested or know someone who likes to work with young people and loves art (not necessarily certified), please contact Jim Bazen (jim.bazen@gcagr.org).

### **Dates & Events (further details on the church website)**

- **Mar 27** Cadets
- **Mar 28** Church visitation by KRC Moderating Committee
- **Mar 29** Good Friday service, 7:30 p.m.
- **Apr 3** Men's prayer meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- **Apr 7** Youth Group – Daniel Bible study
- **Apr 10** Cadets
- **Apr 10** Consistory meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- **Apr 11** Seniors Dinner, 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- **Apr 17** Topic night on the foundation and practice of biblical counseling with Dr. Mark Kelderman, 7:30 p.m.
- **Apr 24** Cadets
- **Apr 26** Kalamazoo Chorus concert, 7:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church in Kalamazoo

*(All future dates the Lord willing)*

*What shall we say of a faith in Jesus Christ founded upon the apprehension of the glory of God, as it shines in him; which beholds that glory as the glory of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth; which contemplates the Redeemer as clothed in our nature; as dying for our sins, rising again for our justification, ascending into heaven and is now seated at the right hand of God, where he ever liveth to make intercession for us? Such a faith the apostle tells us, must produce love, for he says, Whom having not seen you love, and in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable. The soul gladly receives him as a Savior in all the characters and for all the purposes for which he is revealed; and naturally desires to be conformed to his will, and to make known the unsearchable riches of his grace to others.*

*- Charles Hodge*

## Nursery

Mar 24 a.m. Infants: Sarah Blok  
Toddlers: Jessica DeVries, Macy VanDyke  
Mar 24 p.m. Infants: Paula Thies  
Toddlers: Kaarli Kleppe, Madison DeVries  
Mar 29 p.m. Hailey DeVries  
Mar 31 a.m. Infants: Carolyn DeVries  
Toddlers: Alexa Schipper, Tenley Blok  
Mar 31 p.m. Infants: Florina DeVries  
Toddlers: Liz DeVries (VG), Maybelle Schipper

## Greeter

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Mar 24	Joseph V.	Tim D.
Mar 29	---	Tim N.
Mar 31	Fred D.	Jake G.
Apr 7	Nick T.	Tom V.

## Collections

The Education Fund will be collected each week. The second collection box will be as scheduled below. May the Lord bless and receive our offerings.

Mar 24 – General	Mar 29 – Needy
Mar 31 – General	Apr 7 – Building

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*Lord, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him!  
or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!*

*- Psalm 144:3*