

August 24, 2025

Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Elshout — Holy Baptism

Votum and Salutation*

Psalter 287:1, 2*

Reading of the Law—Exodus 20:1–20

Psalter 1:1, 2

Scripture: Ezekiel 36:16–38

Pastoral Prayer

Psalter 48:1, 3, 7, 8*

Sermon Text: Ezekiel 36:25–27 (Baptism Form #5)

Sermon Theme: Baptism and the Sealing Work of the Holy Spirit

- 1. He assures believers that He will dwell in them**
- 2. He assures believers that He will sanctify them**
- 3. He assures believers that He will glorify them**

Psalter 241:1–3

Reading of the Form for Baptism (p. 126)

Psalter 431:4

Administration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Psalter 425:5

Prayer

Psalter 444:5, 7*

Benediction*

Doxology: Psalter 412*

** Please stand as you are able*

Family Sermon Discussion Questions—Ezek. 36:25-27 (AM Service)

1. What profound truth is conveyed by being baptized **into** the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost?
2. Why is it so encouraging that the Holy Spirit has established His permanent residence in the heart of the believer?
3. How can believers grieve the Holy Spirit, and what will be the consequences?
- 4*. How does the fact that Spirit is called the **Holy** Spirit describe His work in the hearts of believers?
5. Why does the Holy Spirit passionately labor to communicate to believers **all** that they have in Christ?
6. What does it mean that the Holy Spirit washes the conscience of the believer in the blood of Christ?
- 7*. Why is it so encouraging to the believer that the Holy Spirit will finish what he has begun?
8. What important connection is there between election and the ministry of the Holy Spirit?

Question for Self-reflection

- # What does it mean to us that we have been baptized into Name of the Triune God?

* Questions for younger children

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Evening Worship – 6:00 p.m.

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Votum and Salutation*

Psalter 69:1, 2*

Scripture: Matthew 7:13–29; Luke 6:43–49

Confession: Belgic Confession, Art. 36 (p. 23)

Psalter 131:1, 4

Pastoral Prayer

Psalter 41:1–5*

Sermon text: Matthew 7:24-27

Sermon Theme: The Parable of the Wise & Foolish Builders

1. The wise builder

2. The foolish builder

3. A searching comparison of the two

Prayer

Psalter 162:1, 2*

Benediction*

Doxology: Psalter 413*

** Please stand as you are able*

Family Sermon Discussion Questions—Matthew 7:24–27 (PM Service)

1. What is the over-arching theme of the concluding segment of the Sermon on the Mount (vv. 13-27)?
- 2*. How do we know that in this parable Jesus specifically wishes to make a distinction between “churchgoers” rather than between the church and the world?
3. What biblical grounds do we have for concluding that in referring to a rock Jesus was ultimately referring to Himself? And what then does it mean to build upon this rock?
4. What is the significant connection between the doing of Jesus’ sayings and the building on the Rock? What is Jesus clearly **not** saying?
5. According to this parable, what is the clearest evidence that the house of one’s hope is **not** built upon the rock of ages, Jesus Christ?
6. What are some of the sandy foundations upon which a person can build the house of his hope?
- 7*. By way of application, what do wise and foolish builders obviously have in common? And how do they obviously differ?
8. How can we conclude that Jesus also had the Day of Judgment in mind in describing the storm that exposes the foundations of the two houses?

Question for Self-reflection

Are we doers of the Word?

* Questions for younger children

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We welcome you as we gather for the sacrament of Holy Baptism today and to hear God's Word.

Prayer Requests and Thanksgiving

- A spiritual awakening in our nation
- Our persecuted brothers and sisters
- Those who struggle with disappointments and afflictions
- PRTS, PCS and GCA
- Leona Timmer and John Blok with their medical needs
- For peace from wars in the world

The kitchen door lock was repaired and can be accessed again.

Today, *Judah Peter Greendyk* will be baptized in the morning service.

The Women's Bible Study plans to continue our monthly study of "*Mercy Revealed: A Cross-Centered Look at Christ's Miracles*" starting Thursday, September 11, at 9:30am. If you would like to join and need a book, or to be included in the email group in the future, please contact Paula Thies.

On **Tuesday Sept 9** at 7:00 p.m. the Kalamazoo PRC will host the *Hope Heralds Male* choir for Psalter and Hymn singing.

Dates & Events D.V.

- **Aug 24** Student Dan Schipper will be ordained at the Providence Reformed Church at 6:00 p.m. today.
- **Aug 26** The Consistory will meet at 7:30 p.m.
- **Sept 5** Providence School Picnic at 5:00 p.m.

If your families are little churches, God will come to you and dwell with you in them; for He hath said concerning the church, "*this is my rest for ever, here will I dwell*". It is a very desirable thing to have the gracious presence of God with us in our families—that presence which is promised '*where two or three are gathered together in his name*'. His presence will make your relations comfortable, your affairs successful, your enjoyments sweet. This will make your family comforts double comforts, and your family crosses but half crosses. Now the way to have God's presence with you in your homes, is set up and keep up for Him a throne and an altar, that from the altar you and yours may '*give glory to Him*,' and from the throne He may give law to you and yours. Then you may be sure of His presence and blessing and may rest yourselves from day to day in comfort. God will be with you in a way of mercy while you are with Him in a way of duty.

~Matthew Henry

Nursery

Aug 24 a.m.	Infants:	Sarah Blok
	Toddlers:	Heather Ferguson, Maelle T.
Aug 24 p.m.	Infants:	Florina DeVries
	Toddler:	Konnie Kleppe, Natalie D.
Aug 31 a.m.	Infants:	Liz DeVries (VG)
	Toddlers:	Liz DeVries (T), Moriah Mol
Aug 31 p.m.	Infants:	Brianna Dingemans
	Toddlers:	Cali VanDyke, Maria DeVries

Greeters

Morning

Evening

Aug 24	Jake G	Tom V
Aug 31	Bill T	John K
Sept 7	Jared S	Bryan K

Collections

The Education Fund will be collected each Sunday.

Aug 24 Building

Aug 31 General

Sept 7 Discretionary

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Christ Jesus, 'A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.

~ Song 4:15