

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

September 24th 2017

Harvest Thanksgiving



Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*

Prelude:

Call to Worship and Approach to God

The earth belongs to God in all its fullness;
the world and all its inhabitants;
**the earth bears witness that God is good,
giving us rain from heavens and fruitful seasons,
filling us with food and gladness.**

Let all the earth acclaim God,
**God of seedtime and harvest,
God of faithfulness and steadfast love.**

❖ **Hymn 233:** *Come, you thankful people, come*

❖ **Prayer of approach** (ending with the Lord's Prayer)

(please say this in whichever language or version you prefer.)

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Word of God

❖ **Children's address**

❖ **Hymn 231:** *For the fruits of all creation*

❖ **Lesson:** Matthew 20:1-16 (New Testament, p.20)

❖ **Music in worship:**

❖ **Lesson:** Philippians 1:21-30 (New Testament, p.194)

❖ **Hymn 103:** *Fill your hearts with joy and gladness*

❖ **Sermon:** *Followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn 153:** *Great is thy faithfulness*

❖ Prayers of Intercession

❖ **Dedication: Hymn 809** followed by:

Gracious, generous God,
faithful as the seasons,
we give you thanks and praise
for all that you provide.

**Accept these tokens of our gratitude
and use them and us to bear fruit
and to bring life to the world. Amen.**

❖ **Hymn 229:** *We plough the fields and scatter*

Sending out with blessing *(followed by sung Amen)*

Postlude:

*Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.
Please turn off your mobile phones.*

*Our service is led this morning by Rev Robert Jan Bakker.
Scripture reader is Anja Polstra . Consistory members on duty are
Laura Elliott & Thorsten König..*

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Join us for our Harvest Thanksgiving lunch after the service!

Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door.
- **Sunday School** and **Junior Church** meet at the Lutheran Church, 4 Handboogstraat, across the Spui square. Parents are asked to collect their children after the service.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week: **Calling all ERC men!** We are organizing a bowling evening this Thursday, 28 September. We will assemble around 7:45pm at Knijn Bowling, Scheldeplein 3. Because we have to reserve in advance, let Jaap Maas know at least two days before. It will be good to see each other again!
- Next Weekend, **29-30 September:** autumn/winter clothing **Swap and Shop!** Bring in clothing, shoes and accessories *in good condition* (no undergarments or socks) throughout the month of September. You can give these to Pamela Woolley, Judi Haynes-Smart, Thijs Glasz or Sally Stone. Please join us on 29 September (from 18:30) to help set up and come along on 30 September when refugees will be invited to shop and you can swap. Plenty of help needed—please sign up on bulletin board!
- Our church is invited to join in this year's **'Kerkenpad'** (Churches Path) trip on 5 October, along with other churches around the Spui. This year the trip is called *Luther's Utrecht*, and takes in some spots important to the Reformation in the Netherlands 500 years ago. If you would like to visit Catharijne Convent, Lutheran Church in Utrecht and have Vespers in the Wartburg Chapel, see Pastor Lance or sign up on the bulletin board.
- Interested in **work with refugees**? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com.
- Interested in joining a **WhatsApp Bible reading group**, reading through Mark's Gospel? Especially (though not exclusively) aimed at Christians who are young in the faith and keen to learn. Speak to Pastor Lance.
- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church is committed to cooking lunch at this homeless shelter every second Monday of the month. Interested? Please contact Tom Flanagan: dekloof@ercadam.nl.
- Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of www.ercadam.nl.

Bible Readings for the Coming Weeks

These follow the Revised Common Lectionary, a programme of readings followed by churches all over the world. We normally use two of these passages in our services, sometimes quoting the Psalm in our Call to Worship. The passage or passages we will focus upon is in **bold** type.

You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

Oct 1st: **Exodus 17:1-7**; Psalm 78:1-4,12-16; Matthew 21:23-32; Philippians 2:1-13.

Oct 8th: **Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20**; Psalm 19; Matthew 21:33-46; Philippians 3:4b-14

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Our congregation relies on support through the gifts of time, talent and finance. We aim to be financially self-supporting and generous in outreach and mission.

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