

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

November 26th 2017



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

Prelude: Of the Father's Love Begotten, H.A. Matthews

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Our journey's come full circle, and the time grows old, yet our faith remains new, alive each morning, with the promises you bring.	come, broken king, faithful shepherd, humble servant: come to your world, come to your people come to our hearts.
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Come now and meet us here:
come O Lord our Righteousness!

❖ **Hymn 64:** *Sing all creation, sing to God in gladness*

❖ **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**
- ❖ **First Lesson** Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 (Old Testament, p.817)
- ❖ **Hymn 462:** *The King of Love my shepherd is*
- ❖ **Music in worship:** *Nocturne, op.9 nr.1, F.Chopin*
Olja Bučo, piano
- ❖ **Second Lesson:** Ephesians 4:4-13 (New Testament, p.191)
- ❖ **Hymn 449:** *Rejoice! the Lord is King*
- ❖ **Sermon:** The power at the heart of things *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 356:** *Meekness and majesty*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr", J.S. Bach*

- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 813**, followed by
Yours, Lord, is the sovereignty,
and you are exalted over all as head.
Wealth and honour come from you;
You rule over all.
**Of your own we give you,
for the good of your kingdom
and the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

- ❖ **Hymn 468:** *Son of God, eternal Saviour*

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



Postlude: God of Heaven and Earth, J.S. Bach

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

*Our service today is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.
The reader is Seppo Stout. Prayers of intercession are led by Ingrid
Zimmermann-Sørensen. Consistory members on duty are Laura
Verhaaf & Pamela Woolley.*

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for **refreshments** after the service.

If you are new you might like to visit our **Welcome Desk**.

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. 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: **Film Night!** Thursday Nov 30th at 7:30pm, 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat: part of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the Men's Group invite you to join them to watch the film *Luther* about the great reformer. ALL welcome!
- Advance notice for **Advent and Christmas:**
 - **Prepare your heart for Christmas!** Sunday evenings Dec 3rd, 10th, 17th, **Advent Studies** led by Elizabeth Cavert Morrison at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat, 7:30pm. Connecting the Bible to your experience, your culture, your life. Study with a difference. Come to one, two or all sessions.
 - Our service on **1st Sunday in Advent**, Dec 3rd, will feature **Vivaldi's Gloria**, with choir, soloists and orchestra.
 - The **children's Christmas Party** will be on Sat Dec 9th at 3:00pm at the church hall;
 - The following day's service, **on Sun Dec 10th**, will be our **Nativity Service**;
 - After the nativity service there will be **carol singing** out on The Spui. ALL welcome!
- 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.
- 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 we will focus upon is in **bold** type.

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

Dec 3rd : Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-2,17-19; Mark 13:24-37; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Dec 10th (Nativity service)

Dec 17th : Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; Psalm 126; John 1:6-8,19-28; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

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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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