

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

February 25th 2018



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

Prelude:

Call to Worship and Approach to God

You who fear the LORD, praise him!

**All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;

**he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.**

Psalm 22:23-24

❖ **Hymn 127:** *O worship the King, all glorious above*

❖ **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.

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**.

After the service and some time for coffee there will be an informal church meeting. Elisabeth IJmker, a church member and candidate in the forthcoming municipal elections will be informing us about the elections, issues etc. Please stay if you can.

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 (*Judi Haynes Smart*) is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week: Wednesday 20th Feb – **Bible Study**, 7:00pm, at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat. During Lent we will be studying the Book of Ruth. You might like to read the first two chapters for this week.
- There will be a short service in our church for the **World Day of Prayer** on Friday, March 2nd at 10:30am. For information see Ingrid Sørensen.
- **Lent devotions:** Please note that during this season of Lent there are daily devotions on our church's website that you are invited to access.
- **Attention all who READ or would like to read or lead prayers in church!** There will be a training session for anyone interested on Sat March 17th, at the church, 10 – 1300 hrs, with Eric Foggitt, a speech trainer. Interested? Speak to Lance or sign up on the notice board.
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com.
- The **WhatsApp Bible reading group**, reading through **Mark's Gospel** meets after church today in the Deaconry Room around 12 noon. Anyone interested in possibly joining this group is welcome to come along.
- **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.

Mar 4th : Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; John 2:13-22 1 Corinthians 1:18-25.

Mar 11th : Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3,17-22; John 3:14-21; Ephesians 2:10.

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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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