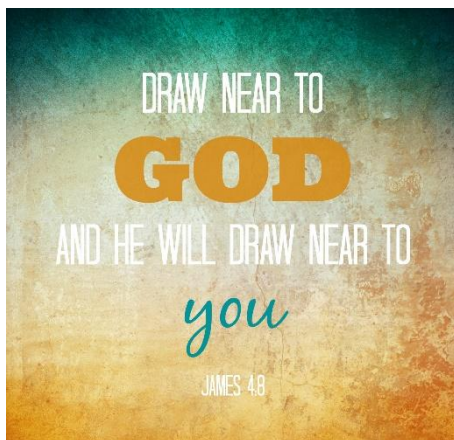


# **“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”**

September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018



*Preparation (from 10 am)    Silent Prayer (20 mins, front right of church)*

*Prelude: Adagio from Sonata no. 1, F. Mendelsson*

## **Call to Worship and Approach to God**

Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
**but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.

**In all that they do, they prosper.** *Psalm 1;1-3*

❖ **Hymn 210:** *Awake, my soul, and with the sun*

❖ **Prayer of approach** (ending with the Lord's Prayer)  
*(please say this in whichever language or version you prefer.)*

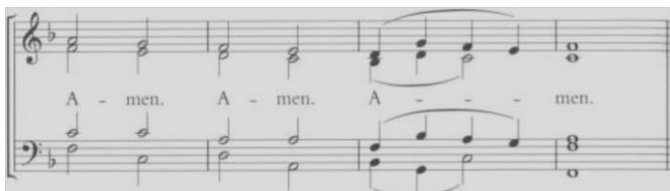
Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power,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

## The Word of God

- ❖ **Children's address**
- ❖ **Baptism of Denise Falcone**
- ❖ **Hymn 637:** *Now through the grace of God we claim*
- ❖ **Lesson:** James 3:13-4:8a (New Testament, p.228)
- ❖ **Music in worship:** *Keep Us, Lord, Faithful to Thy Word*, J.G. Walther
- ❖ **Lesson:** Mark 9:30-37 (New Testament, p.43)
- ❖ **Hymn 603:** *For your gift of God the Spirit*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *the wisdom of humility followed by pause for reflection*

## Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 489:** *Come down O Love Divine*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *From God Shall Naught Divide Me*, W.F. Marpurg
- ❖ **Dedication; Hymn 810, followed by:**  
Gracious God,  
for all good gifts and blessings  
we give you praise and thanks:  
**and we offer ourselves**  
**and these gifts for use**  
**in the service of your Kingdom. Amen**
- ❖ **Hymn 594:** *Come, Holy Spirit, come!*
- ❖ **Sending out with blessing** *(followed by sung Amen)*



*Postlude: Gott des Himmels und der Erden*, J.G. Walther

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

*Our service this morning is led by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.  
The Scripture lessons are read by Ans van Saagsvelt; prayers of  
intercession are led by Reint Huizinga. Consistory members on duty  
are Jaap Maas and Gillian Walker.*

# 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** meets at the Lutheran Church, 4 Handboogstraat, across the Spui. Parents are asked to collect their children after the service.
- **Prayer:** If anyone feels in particular need of prayer today, someone (*Judi Haynes Smart*) will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table, to pray with them.
- There will be a short **concert after the service today**, after a break for coffee: piano (Claudia Hostettler) and Giles Francis (violin).
- **Midweek Fellowship** this Thursday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, joint **Men's Group and Ladies' Fellowship Film Night**, watching the film 'Come Sunday'. 19.30 hrs at Jan Willem Brouwersstraat. Refreshments provided. All welcome!
- Pastor Lance is planning to run an '**Exploring the Faith**' course (4 weeks) soon. The course looks at the story the Bible tells with a view to understanding what it means to be a Christian. For anyone interested in church membership, baptism, confirmation, or just a refresher course in the Christian faith.
- **Next Sunday: Harvest Thanksgiving service with pot-luck lunch** after the service. Food contributions welcome. See sign-up sheet on notice board. You are also invited to bring food and toiletries for our harvest display and for donation to the foodbank after the service.
- **Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> – ecumenical gathering:** after the closing hymn and blessing we will leave the church and cross the Spui to the Lutheran Church where we will gather with other local churches – Lutherans, Mennonites, Roman Catholics – to sing a hymn, and then proceed to the Mennonite Church - Doopsgezinde Singelkerk, Singel 452 – for refreshments. So no coffee here after the service. Please join in if you can.
- Coming soon: **The Meeting of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery** of which we are a part will take place here on the weekend of October 11-14. Details to follow.
- **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](mailto:dekloof@ercadam.nl).
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at [gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com](mailto:gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com).
- Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of [www.ercadam.nl](http://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.

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

Passages we will be focussing on in the service are in **bold type**.

Sept 30<sup>th</sup> : **Esther 7:1-10,9:20-22**; Psalm 124; Mark 9:38-50; James 5:13-20.

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> : **Job 1:1;2:1-10**; Psalm 26; Mark 10:2-16; Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5-12.

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 Weddings    20s30s Group    Church Magazine    Mulanje Mission  
Hospital ([www.mmh.mw](http://www.mmh.mw))    Volunteering

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