

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen!” Ephesians 3:20,21

PRAYER MATTERS

Continue praying for our **Louise Olgren / Ms. Slager**.
Let's remember our elderly with phone calls, prayers, cards and visits.

LET'S REMEMBER THOSE AFFLICTED WITH CANCER:
Lee Blank's brother **Kent** was recently diagnosed.
Jordan, the little boy from St. Louis (friend of Lindsey).
John M. the business associate/friend of Lee Blank.

Let's remember the *25 inmates attending the DVD series **The Truth Project** at the USDB at Ft. Leavenworth. Let's pray that these men would come to a Biblical understanding of God, themselves and the world in which we live. The Motto of the USDB is **“Our Mission, Your Future.”** On a spiritual level, how much more isn't this the case for us*

Remember to **“Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2.**

SONGS YOU'D LIKE TO SING

If there are some songs from the Trinity Hymnal that you would like to sing in worship services, you are welcome to jot them down and give them to Pastor Randy. He will try to rotate them in over the course of the next weeks and months.

2nd Offering Next Sunday Morning

Next Sunday morning we will take up a second offering for **Japan Disaster Relief**. While no longer in the news, the ministry of the missionaries in Japan continues.

WEDNESDAY CATECHISM CLASSES

On Wednesday afternoon and evening, we will have **Catechism** classes at 4:30 and 7:00 PM. Students should memorize QAs 44, 45. Ladies Bible Study @ 7.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL	11:00/11:10 AM
EVENING WORSHIP	5:00 PM
WED. CATECHISM /LADIES BIBLE STUDY	4:30/7:00 PM

“For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” Matthew 3:9,10

EVENING WORSHIP

5:00 PM

Opening (* Please stand if able)

- *The Call to Worship and Greeting
- *Opening Prayer

Confession and Prayer

- ***The Apostles Creed** (Page 12)
- ***Hymn 164** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
Related Scripture Reading
Evening Prayer
- ***Hymn 146** “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Concluding Worship

- Scripture: **Matthew 3:1-12** Text: **Matthew 3:1-6**
- Sermon: **The Prophetic Work of John the Baptist Pt. 1**
- Points: **I. His Redemptive Message**
II. His Redemptive Purpose
III. His Redemptive Effect
- Gathering of Offering: **Deacon Ministries Fund**
- Offertory Prayer
- ***Hymn 521/2** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
- *The Benediction
- *Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

NURSERY SCHEDULE: AM- Alison PM Kellie

Next Week: AM- Callie PM Hannah K.

DEVOTIONAL LIFE IN 2012

Several devotionals booklets are setting out for your perusal. As we begin a New Year, we would bless ourselves by striving for consistency in our Bible reading and prayer lives. A regular diet of physical and spiritual food is necessary for our Health. Perhaps we could try to follow the Bible reading schedule listed in the Table Talk magazines provided each month? If you miss a day or so, just read the passage assigned for the current day. This might add flavor to our conversations throughout the year.

MORNING WORSHIP

9:30 AM

Opening (* Please stand if able)

- *Call to Worship and Greeting
- *Invocation and Lord's Prayer
- ***Gloria Patri**

***Hymn 12** “Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim”

Confession and Prayer

- Reading of God's Law/Summary **Exodus 19, 20**
- Congregational Prayer
- Responsive Reading: **Lord's Day 4**
- ***Hymn 148** “How Shall the Young Direct Their Way”

God's Word Read and Applied

- Scripture: **Ephesians 3:1-21** Text: same
- Sermon: **The Revelation of God's Grace in the World**
- Points: **I. Salvation Plan Presented (1-6)**
II. Salvation Plan Proclaimed (7-20)
III. Salvation Plan Praised (14-21)

Concluding Worship

- Tithes and Offerings
- Offertory Prayer
- ***Hymn 503** “Out of My Bondage, Sorrow and Night”
- *The Benediction and Doxology “Praise God from Whom”

WELCOME TO ALL!

WELCOME to all in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

“Oh come, let us **sing** to the LORD!
Let us **shout joyfully** to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us **come before His presence** with thanksgiving;
Let us **shout joyfully** to Him with psalms.
“For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, **for He made it**; and His hands formed the dry land.” **PSALM 95:1-5**

The Westminster Shorter Catechism A Summary of the Christian Faith

In today's QAs the subject of God's decrees is discussed. They basically deal with the way that God has chosen to order and run the world.

An important verse in this discussion is Deuteronomy 29:29, "**The secret things belong to the Lord, but those things that are revealed belong to us and our children, that we might do all this law.**"

While we read and more or less understand those things that are revealed (what we find in the Bible), the secret things of God are those things that are hidden from our sight. When events happen that we can't explain or don't understand, we trust that God has a purpose and knows what he is doing.

God and what he does are not under our scrutiny (judgment). His wisdom is beyond finding out. When the events of our lives make us mad or bitter, we are losing sight of God's goodness and wisdom.

Whether tragic or joyful, boring or exciting, our lives should give glory to God by recognizing his sovereign hand is working all things together for our good and His glory.

Q. 7. What are the decrees of God?

A. The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Q. 8. How doth God execute his decrees?

A. God executes his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

OUR HERITAGE

Northland Reformed Church is a member congregation of the Reformed Church in the United States (founded in 1748). Our history goes back Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth-century. The Reformers and their disciples summarized the teachings of Scripture in several historic documents called the **Three Forms of Unity**, the **Heidelberg Catechism** (1563), the **Belgic Confession** (1561) and the **Canons of Dort** (1619). As a congregation and denomination, we have embraced them as ours. We believe they still clearly summarize the teachings of Holy Scripture.

OUR AUTHORITY

With the church throughout history we believe that the Holy Bible is the only divinely inspired, infallible and inerrant Word of God. As such it is the final authority for all questions of faith and life. The Spirit of God creates faith in our hearts through the preaching of the Word. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of Church and has appointed officers (pastors, elders and deacons) to shepherd His people (I Tim. 3, Tit 1). As officers they make joint decisions and are accountable to each other and their fellow officers in Classis and Synod of the RCUS.

OUR FAITH IN CHRIST

"There is no other name under heaven given among men, by which we *must be saved*" (Acts 4:12). *Jesus Christ is the only eternal Son of God.* His life of perfect obedience and willing self-sacrifice for our sins are the basis of our salvation. To those who believe, He grants forgiveness of sins, true righteousness, and eternal life. These gifts, which we can neither earn nor deserve, are freely given to those who by true faith are engrafted into Him. In response to this salvation, His people will be grateful and live uprightly before Him. As we grow in grace, we will more and more love God, His Word and His Ways, and at the same time come to hate sin and flee from it. We trust in the grace of God to persevere us in this faith to the end. We believe that the Lord Jesus has all authority in heaven and earth (Mt. 28:18) and will return to judge the living and the dead.

OUR PRAYER FOR YOU

If you're a visitor and also believe these things we encourage you to continue worshipping with us. We have a stewardship to **preserve and proclaim** "the faith once for all delivered to the saints." We offer **rest** to the weary, **comfort** for the distressed and **hope** for all. Any of our members would gladly visit with you about these things. Glory to God!

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Northland Reformed Church

"Where the Truth Lives!"

**Our perspective must
yield to God's.
He sees (and does) all
things perfectly.**

**"For as the heavens are higher than
the earth, so are my ways higher
than your ways and my thoughts
than your thoughts."**

Isaiah 55:9

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