

Bethel Reformed /Ebenezer CRC  
December 27, 2020  
9:30 a.m.

Joining in Fellowship

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering to Worship

\*Call to Worship

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*God's Greeting

\*Hymns of Praise: #2 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (Guitar)

#4 "How Great Thou Art" (Guitar)

Preparing Our Hearts

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's Will for Our Lives

Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn of Preparation: #342 "Just As I Am" (Guitar)

Hearing the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: **Matthew 23:23-28**

Message: **The Cancer of Self-Righteousness**

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application: #295 "Revive Us Again"

Departing to Serve

\*Confessing Our Faith: The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and*

*is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge on baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen*

\*Parting Words

\*Closing Song: #625 "Doxology"

\*Postlude

~ Welcome to Bethel! *On this last Sunday of the year 2020 we welcome one and all as we worship in the Name of Jesus who came to earth to redeem us so that we might be born again and made children of God. May our adoration of Him today be just as sincere as the shepherds and the wisemen at his crude crib.*

THIS WEEK

~Thursday, Bulletin notices are due before 4 p.m. Either by email or telephone: to vmtink@hotmail.com or call 443-5751.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Thank You! I just wanted to take a moment of your time to say thank-you everyone... for all your work this year on Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. The number of shoe boxes was down some from last year, but in spite of Covid-19 we worked together to keep this mission going for children around the world. Every 24 hours over 29,000 hear the Gospel at a shoebox gift outreach event. For every 100 shoe boxes, 21 children report decisions for Christ through The Greatest Journey. That is pretty amazing. We praise God for the millions of children who are learning how to be faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ thru this program. *—Iris Talsma*

~If you would be interested or know someone who would be willing to help with special music, we would love to have you be part of our worship services in 2021. Please contact Julie Ruiter, Julie Vis, Myron Hulstein, or Randy Landhuis.

~Good Used Winter coats, sweat pants/shirts, stocking caps, gloves etc. can again be brought to church for the CENTER OF HOPE. Drop-off box is provided.

~**At our Congregational Meeting** – recently Verlyn Ruiten was elected to the office of Elder. Roger Vander Linden was elected Deacon.

~**NOTICE:**

-Jr. High Youth Group will resume, Wed. night, January 13, 7 pm. @ Ebenezer.

-Pastor Reuben's Catechism Class will resume, Sunday, January 10, after the morning worship.

~**Elder on Call for the month of December:** Doug Van Peurse - 507-360-5139

~**If you would like to view the** Christmas concerts of SWC Elementary & High School the links are printed:

**K-8 Christmas Concert:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=301s>

**High School Concert:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9DiMzPlkpA&=301s>

**PRAYER REQUESTS & CONCERNS**

~Pray for all those who continue to recover from covid.

~Please pray for **Martha Pronk**, as she deals with cancer.

~Prayers for **Bud Van Peurse**, who is recovering at home.

~Prayer of thanks that **Huxley Schaap**, is home.

~Pray for **Chelsi Csobor** who had heart repair, and is home to recover.

~Pray for all those who are undergoing treatments for cancer in our churches.

~**Remember those of our congregation who are in care centers,** especially during this covid epidemic, with a card, note, phone call, or window visit:

**Edgebrook Care Center**

**Tena Winkelhorst**

**Betty Engeltjes**

**Dow Rummel – Sioux Falls**

**Craig Vastenhout**

**Edgebrook Estates**

**Esther Evink**

**Poplar Creek – Luverne**

**Fran Anker**

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*A wonder-filled life is ours  
when we know the Christ of Christmas.*