

THE LORD'S DAY, MAY 23, 2021  
PENTECOST SUNDAY

*WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP*

**THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE**

*"TAMING THE DOVE OR CHASING THE GOOSE"*

**THIS MORNING'S TEXT**

Numbers 11:29; John 3:8 (Pew Bible: Pages 226;1649)

*See any usher if you need a song sheet or hearing device.  
Both are available on request.*

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**Join us for Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.**

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**THIS EVENING'S MESSAGE**

*"CHOOSING GRACE"*

**THIS EVENING'S TEXT**

Acts 15:1-13, 19-23, 28-29 (Pew Bible: Page 1718)

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**MEMBER MINISTRY**

**NURSERY TODAY**  
**NEXT WEEK**  
**HALL MONITORS**

Sara DeHaan, Lacy Hulst, Lynsey Jager (AM)  
Shelley Heijerman, Maggie Jager, Emily Veld (AM)  
**TODAY:** Nate Jager, Sam Mensch  
**NEXT WEEK:** Ben DeHaan, Greg Schaafsma

**Today is Pentecost Sunday.** On this day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church.

**Today we remember The Lord's Supper.** All those members in good and regular standing of an evangelical church are invited to partake.

**Memorial Day Parade** - Please join us on Memorial Day to help get the word out into the community about MRC's VBS. This is a great outreach for us and we need your help passing out candy and VBS info cards. **Meet at the Martin High School parking lot at 9:30 a.m.** Please let Sarah know if you can help. Text/call 269-760-9232 or email children@martinreformed.org.

**MRC will be hosting a Community Blood Drive** on Thursday, June 3, 12:00 – 4:45 p.m. As the sole blood provider for Michigan hospitals, Versiti needs your support in keeping a healthy blood supply available to local patients in need of the gift of life. For more information, visit Versiti.org or call 866-642-5663. Appointments can be made at <http://bit.ly/MARTINSAVESLIVES>, or just show up!

**VBS Update:** Be sure to check out today's insert for **Donations needed and Volunteer Sign-ups**. VBS is coming up quickly (June 21-24).

At our last congregational meeting, we discussed the Reformed Church's Vision 20/20 Report which addresses the issue of homosexuality, its impact on the denomination, and possible ways forward. In following up on our discussion, the consistory has put together a short survey that is now in your church mailbox. If you are not a member but a regular attender and would like to participate, contact the church office. **Please place your completed survey in the box at the welcome center in the Narthex by Sunday, June 6.**

MRC is in need of a new Sunday School superintendent. If you are interested in being a blessing to our Sunday School through this position, please contact Pastor Mark.

**Thank you** to this wonderful church family for all your generous support of our youth! The "To go" dinner was a success!! I can't wait to see what God has in store for our mission trip. I was really proud of how well everyone worked together! Thank you also for all your kind words of encouragement since I have started this position! It is such a blessing to have such a wonderful church family!

**Thank you** all for your prayers, cards, and concerns in the recent passing of my sister-in-law, Ginny Veldman and also my Uncle John Busman. It was so much appreciated.  
~Leona Schipper and family

Glo Kelly has had several doctor appointments recently. They have all given her a good report; there are no physical or diet restrictions and she is gaining strength every day. She is still on many medications but is able to do her regular activities for which she and Rob are very grateful. Again, they thank you for all the love shown from their church family and the many prayer warriors out there. "Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love!!"

Dear Church Family,

The Martin Area Veterans would like to invite you all to the **Annual Martin Village Memorial Day Parade (10:00 a.m.)**. This year we are sponsoring a **“Definition of patriotism” essay contest!** All 6-12 grade students are welcome to participate, 5 winners will receive a \$100.00 gift card. Winners must be present at the ceremony to win. The grand prize essay will be read aloud. The less than one page essay must be turned into the church office by May 21.  
~Kevin Martin

Starting next Sunday, May 30, there will be **NO MRC Evening Services** until Sunday, September 12.

The **Second Quarter Faith Mission Offering** will benefit Barb Bielecki (Lakota Native American Outreach) on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. If you would like to contribute, please mark your offering accordingly.

For the month of **May**, we will be collecting the following items for **Martin Resource Center**: Boxed meals, peanut butter, jelly and paper products. You may place your donations in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

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**WORSHIP WITH US: 9:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.**

**MRC ELDERS:**

Doug Geurink, Harvey Leep, Bob Modreske, Jerry Pols, John Schipper, Troy Timmer.

**MRC DEACONS:**

Kyle Katje, Ben Lyon, Sam Mensch, Steve Pott, Ben Schipper, John Smit.

Life of the Congregation  
May 23, 2021

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

10:35 AM Coffee/conversation in the Narthex Area.  
6:00 PM Evening Worship in the Sanctuary.

MONDAY

7:00 PM Women's Volleyball in the Gym – until 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

4:00 PM MRC Prays in the Narthex Area.



PRAYER CONCERNS

- \*\*\* **Jack Alles** suffered a stroke after a recent surgery. Pray for renewed strength and healing.
- \*\*\* **Chris Davis, Linda Benwire's son**, has resumed chemo treatments. Pray that the treatments shrink the cancer so that surgery can be scheduled for a later date.
- \*\*\* Continue to pray that God heals **Pastor Mark's** lungs as he recovers from Covid.
- \*\*\* **Daryl VanderPloeg, Pat DeHaan's brother**, has been placed on Hospice care. Pray for strength and comfort during this difficult time.
- \*\*\* Pray for **Nora Mingerink** and **Judy Nieuwenhuis** as they battle cancer.
- \*\*\* **Esther Schaafsma** has a procedure scheduled on Wednesday to repair a stress fracture in her back. Pray for relief of pain and healing.
- \*\*\* **Jim Vander Roest** has returned home. Pray for complete healing.
- \*\*\* **Emily Veld** may need additional surgery to correct her vision. Continue to pray for perfect healing.
- \*\*\* Pray for the men and women who give of themselves everyday as they serve in our armed forces, as law enforcement officers, EMT personnel, firefighters, and healthcare workers.
- \*\*\* Pray for those with ongoing health concerns: **Blaine Anderson** (Jim and Barb Keyzer's nephew); **Shannon Bergsma** (Frank & Margaret Schram and Jan Westendorp's niece); **Shirley** (sister-in-law to Seymour and Pat DeHaan); **Tom Damber** (Michelle DeMann's father); **Chris Davis** (Linda Benwire's son); **Sharon Fitzpatrick** (Sandy Knooihuizen's mom); **Kimmi McCliman** (Mike and Chris Grosser's cousin); **Stella Waller** (Linda Benwire's sister); and **Hope Wassenaar** (SON-Life Camp Director).

REASONS FOR PRAISE

- \*\*\* **Praise God** for the gift of the Holy Spirit on this Pentecost Day.

**Sunday Evening - May 23, 2021**  
**Pastor Mark Heijerman**

**6:00 P. M.:**

**We Gather As God's People**

Prelude – Carol Jager  
Welcome

**We Praise God in Song**

Opening Prayer  
Song Service (John Schipper)

**We Turn to God in Prayer and Preparation**

Time of Prayer  
Time of Reflection  
Song of Preparation #364: “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

**We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word**

Prayer for Illumination  
Scripture: Acts 15:1-13, 19-23, 28-29 (Pew Bible: Page 1718)  
Message: “*CHOOSING GRACE*”  
Prayer of Application

**We Respond to the Word**

Song of Response #404 (vs. 1-3): “The Solid Rock”  
Parting Blessing

**We Are Sent Forth in the Grace of God**

Parting Song #404 (last verse): “The Solid Rock”  
Postlude