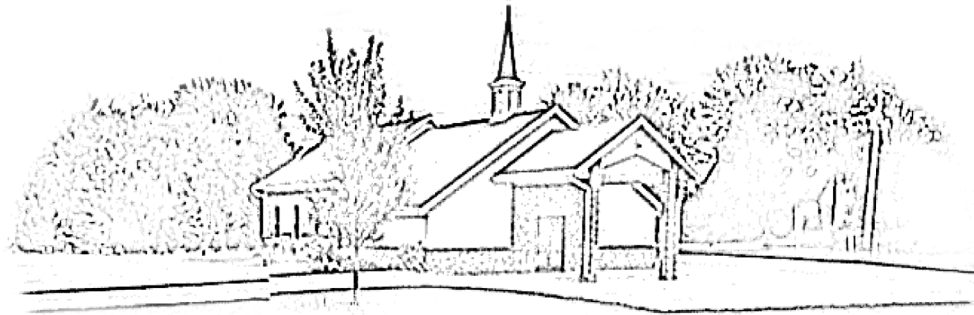


# *Netherlands Reformed Congregation*

Lord's Day, April 19, 2020



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*We have thought of thy loving kindness,  
O God, in the midst of thy temple.  
Psalm 48:9*

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## **Service Times**

Sunday Morning – 9:30 am

Sunday Evening – 6:00 pm

Sunday Services Live streamed

*May the Lord bless us all with His nearness in grace.*

**“The Son of man is come eating and drinking: and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!”**

**Luke 7:34**

This Word of God speaks of the ransomed, who are the same persons from the previous text, but then they are called the redeemed. Much is written in the Bible about redemption and ransoms. To redeem means to release from blame or debt, or to free from the bonds of sin. To ransom means to deliver from sin or its penalty, also to free from captivity or punishment by paying a price. This has exactly happened, because Christ has paid the ransom for the church. The ransom was the highest imaginable. It could not be paid with temporal goods, but only by the passive and active obedience of the Mediator Jesus Christ.

Of these ransomed is said that they will return to Zion. Historically, some think it is pointing to the return of Israel after the seventy years in exile in Babel, as the margin suggests. Others believe it is a promise for the State of Israel as it was formed in 1948. We connect it more to the spiritual deliverance by Christ, whereby it became possible for sinners to return into communion with God. Would there not be great joy in the heart and in the church when this may be seen? We wish we heard more about it.

Then sorrow and sighing will flee away, because when the presence of the Lord is felt, then there is only room for rejoicing in the Lord. In this time we are confronted with pain, sorrow and disappointment, but a better future is waiting, as the Lord has promised that it is only an oppression of ten days. Eternal joy is waiting for God's child. Do you have moments that you are home sick for the Lord?

Meditation: Ephesians 1 & Psalm 68  
Psalter: 120 & 312

Rev. A.M den Boer

## FROM YOUR CONSISTORY

### Dates

*As was announced last week, the dates we then proposed were based on the expectation that we were allowed to gather together again. In our next consistory meeting, we will discuss what to do with the baptism and public confession of faith services. The Lord's Supper will definitely be delayed till the governor's orders are changed.*

May 7	National Prayer Day
May 21	Ascension Day Service
June 7	Farewell (PM)

This Sunday our messages will again be online via *Mixlr* on our church website ([nrcwaupun.org](http://nrcwaupun.org)) and on Sermon Audio, both as an audio or video webcast. For those who don't have good internet connections, you are also able to call in **directly to sermon audio**. Follow these three steps:

- (1) Call sermon audio at 1-712-432-3410
- (2) You will then be asked to make a choice. Choose option 2 by pressing 2.
- (3) You will then be asked to enter the Church ID Code. Our Waupun NRC Church ID Code is: 42269

Those in church on Sunday still meet at about 9:00 AM for a time of prayer as we have been doing before the service. Though you can't be present, we encourage others to join us in spirit also at that time to plead for the blessings of Spirit upon us and the worship services planned for that day.

### ● HOLY WAR STUDY #11 (APRIL 22)

In order to follow these studies, it remains a necessity to read ahead of time these assigned pages. The topics are live on our church website. May the Lord God add His blessing.

In the *unabridged book*, start at page 174 -199. In the *abridged book*, start at page 269 -304 .

### ● Collections

The offerings can be sent via a check to James Ruissen so that we can continue to meet the operating expenses of the congregation. James' address is W11301 Amity Rd, Brandon, WI 53919.

April 19: General and National, International Disaster Fund

April 26: General Fund

May 3: General and Building Fund

May 10: General Fund

### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS AND NOTICES ...**

- If you know anyone who is facing financial struggles, please share this so we can carry the burdens together. Let's make use of the phone-lines to make frequent phone calls to each other.
- Logan Ruissen's labs did not show much improvement this past week. His PtH has somewhat improved, but creatinine is higher and iron levels have not improved. Please continue in prayer for healing in this young boy.
- While we can be very occupied with the current needs of Covid-19, let's not omit to remember all who suffer for their confession of Jesus Christ. Facing pain and desolation through violent deaths is one of the deepest valleys to travel through. When coming across this testimony about Rose, then we are to be deeply admonished to bear with our current burdens in a gracious and submissive way. Rose is the 27-year-old widow of Pastor Matthew Tagwi who was killed by Fulani militants. Soon after hearing of her husband's death, she prayed. But what did she pray, "My prayer is that his killers will get to know this Jesus I know. I do forgive them and will pray that the Lord saves their souls."

**\*\*\* ALL THE LORD WILLING \*\*\***

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