



RISE UP

Lessons from Queen Esther

Christian Reformed Church of Pease

Pastor Travis Deur

April 28, 2024

We Enter God's Presence

Prelude: Molly Tetzke, Noelle Ritzema & Annika Kiel

Call to Worship: Makenzie Franklin

Opening Song: *"I'm So Blessed"*

God's Greeting and Our Mutual Greeting

Songs of Praise: *"You are Holy (Prince of Peace)"*

"King of Kings and Lord of Lords"

Litany: Molly Tetzke

Song of Response: *"Rise Up (Eagles)"*

GEMS Highlights: Londyn Theisen & Scarlette Fradette

Prayer Partner Recap: Lois Roelofs & Aeli Luckhurst

Intercessory Prayer: Abigail Manke & Aeli Luckhurst

Our Gifts: 1) General Fund

2) GEMS Girls' Club

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message: Lynn Fradette

Scripture: Isaiah 40:28-31

Message: **"Such a Time as This"**

Holy Communion

Song of Application: *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

We Depart with God's Blessing

God's Parting Blessing

Closing Song: *"We Receive Your Blessing"*

Postlude: Molly Tetzke

Sermon Notes





Those who Hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.



They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

As we gather together for worship, we come together as one unified body in Jesus. May you be blessed and be a blessing in our worship this morning!



This morning we are delighted to have our **GEMS Girls Club** leading us in worship as we focus on their theme for the year from Isaiah 40:31, “Rise Up: Lessons from Queen Esther” We are grateful for this ministry and those that lead it, and are looking forward to hearing more about their year. We welcome **Pastor Travis Deur** to lead us further into God’s Word with his message, “Such a Time as This”.

Today we will gather at the table of our Lord Jesus Christ for **Holy Communion**. All who have repented of their sins, accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and desire to serve him and be his disciple with the help of the Holy Spirit are welcome and encouraged to participate with us.



Next week, our **Cadet Boys Club** will be leading us. Their theme for the year has been “Rooted and Grounded”, based on Ephesians 3:17-18. Cadets need to be in the Fireside Room in full uniform no later than 8:30 to put the finishing touches on their roles in the service.

Tonight is SNL! Cadets, Kids Club, and the Good News Book Study will all begin at 4:00. GEMS has the night off, to rest after a fun sleepover last night! **Pinewood Derby** pre-registration takes place in the Fellowship Hall today from 3:30-4:15 where you can run trials for your car and make adjustments. Bring your own tools, weights, and lubricants. The official scale that will be used at the race will be there. The day of the race, there will be no trials on the track; simply register your car and set it down on the registration table where you will be assigned a number.

Our Church Family

We wish a very happy birthday to:

>**Loren Timmer**, celebrating 84 years on Wednesday, May 1.

>**Joyce Kragt**, celebrating 86 years on Friday, May 3.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Shane and Nina Toberman** in the passing of Shane's father, James, last Sunday evening. The Toberman family is grateful for the kind words and prayers that they have received.

Please make a note of these corrections:

>**Josh Baas'** email address in the directory should be: jbaas@elkrivermn.gov

>**John Teeler** and **Lisa Kok** are both members on the Building Team (they were omitted from the list that was distributed last Sunday in your mailbox)



The **Pine Wood Derby** is next Sunday, May 5! Weigh-in begins at 4:00, and the race begins around 4:30. Do not bring lubricants with you into the Fellowship Hall on May 5-come ready to race when your name/number is called. Pizza and drinks provided!

Our annual **Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup** is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m.! If you are able, please come and help our youth group pick up trash that evening-many hands make light work!



We will be celebrating our **2024 Graduates** on May 19 with coffee and cake after our morning worship service. If you have a loved one graduating from high school or college, please let Carrie know! We are putting together a slide show and would love some information about their future plans!



Join us at **SCUBA VBS**- June 10-14 from 9:00 to noon as we dive into friendship with God! Register today using the QR code provided, or by visiting: vbspro.events/p/scuba-pease. Youth and adult volunteers may also sign up using this link.



The second offerings received through May are as follows:

May 5—Cadets

May 12—Community Christian School

May 19—Partners in Education (CCS)

May 26—125 Campaign

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, April 28

9:30 a.m. GEMS Sunday
3:30 p.m. Pinewood Derby Weigh-ins & Trial Runs
4:00 p.m. SNL (Cadets, Kid's Club, & Book Study)

Monday, April 29

1:30 p.m. Mission Society

Wednesday, May 1

4:00 p.m. Search Team Meeting
5:00 p.m. Education Team Meeting
6:30 p.m. REC Jr.
7:45 p.m. REC

Thursday, May 2

7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 5: Cadet Sunday & Pine Wood Derby
Wednesday, May 8: Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup

Community Announcements

Bethel CRC in Princeton is in need of more Small Group Leaders, Small Group Assistants, Art Teachers, and Art Helpers for their **Bethel Art Camp** which is July 15-19 from 8:30-12:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in helping them out, please send an email to bethelprinceton@gmail.com or call the office at 763-389-5715. Thank you for your consideration!

The Milaca Public Schools **Community Day of Service** is May 10, 2024! If you have an outdoor spring clean-up need, please sign up no later than May 3! Flyers with additional information can be found on the bulletin boards in the entryways and signup sheets are located on the tables in the narthex.

*"We would like to thank you for your generous donation to the **Milaca Area Pantry** food shelf. With the help of your contribution, we can give to those in need. Thank you for your continued support!"*

Rum River Life Choices Center, a Christian, pro-life ministry, seeks to hire a **part-time Client Services position** for the Milaca office, with hours of M-W, 9:30-2:30. Prior counseling experience preferred and basic computer skills required. Prefer applicant with medical certification or license. Specific pregnancy counselor training will be provided by RRLCC. Call the Center at 320-983-3771 for application and more information. They also appreciate your prayers as they seek to fill this important position.

Opportunities To Serve

Sound Board Today, April 28: Bernie Boldt

Next Sunday, May 5: Bernie Boldt

Media Today, April 28: Linda Droogsma

Next Sunday, May 5: Stacy Patten

Livestream Today, April 28: Bob Sumner

Next Sunday, May 5: Dylan Moorlag

Greeters Today, April 28:

East Door: GEMS

Next Sunday, May 5:

East Door: Cadets

West Door: GEMS

West Door: Cadets

Ushers Today, April 28:

East: Mitch & Edie Kuperus (& GEMS) **Center:** Sharry Kragt (& GEMS)

West: Steve Hubers (& GEMS)

Next Sunday, May 5:

East: Jim Santema (& Cadets)

Center: Harly Pap (& Cadets)

West: Dewey Droogsma (& Cadets)

Nursery Today, April 28:

Leaders: Carrie Luckhurst, Jenny Santema

Helpers: Cameron Manke, Keslyn Hoyez

Next Sunday, May 5:

Leaders: Jim Santema, Sharon Hanenburg

Helpers: Maddie Pipkin, Jayanna Boldt

Children's Church Today, April 28:

Little Lambs: "A Lost Lamb"

Leader: Peggy Timmer

Helper: Annika Kiel

Worship Center: "God Provides Water"

Leader: Sara Swanson

Helper: Molly Totzke

The 2-3's: No Class-Communion Sunday

Leader:

The 4-5's: No Class-Communion Sunday

Leader:

Children's Church Next Sunday, May 5:

Little Lambs: "I Love You, Jesus"

Leader: Mary Koppendrayer

Helper: Lauryn Droogsma

Worship Center: "The Great Banquet"

Leader: Carol Veurink

Helper: Aleeri Veurink

The 2-3's: Lesson 27

Leader: Shirley Geurkink

The 4-5's: Lesson 27

Leader: Bonnie Ash





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THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



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National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 2, 2024 Local Events:

Continental Prayer Breakfast 7:00-8:30 AM

Milaca Alliance Church
12543 MN 23
Milaca, MN 56353

Mille Lacs County Court House Flag Pole 12:00-1:00 PM

635 2nd Street SE
Milaca, MN 56353
If it rains, it will be in the Rotunda

Concert of Prayer 7:00-8:00 PM

United Methodist Church
310 3rd Avenue NW
Milaca, MN 56353