

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



**Christian Reformed Church of Pease**

**March 9, 2025 - 9:30 A.M**

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Pastor Brad Bierma

## **We Enter God's Presence**

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship

Opening Song: *"Your Grace is Enough"*

God's Greeting & Our Mutual Greeting

Song of Praise: *"At the Cross (Love Ran Red)"*

Confession & Assurance

Song of Assurance: *"Lord, I Need You"*

Moment for Ministry: Kenna Hoyez

Song of Response: *"That's Who I Praise"*

Intercessory Prayer: Amy Boldt

Our Gifts: 1) General Fund

2) Partners in Education: Community Christian School

## **We Hear God's Word**

Children's Message: Shelly Ash

Scripture: Luke 23:26-43

Message: **"Today in Paradise"**

Song of Application: *"Jesus Paid It All (O Praise the One)"*

## **We Depart with God's Blessing**

God's Parting Blessing

Closing Song: *"The Blessing"*



# Sermon Notes

Key Points:

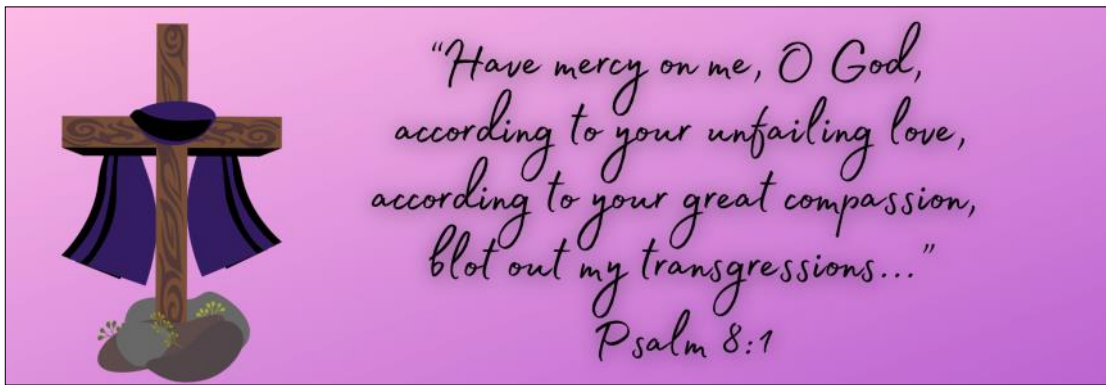
Key Scriptures:

Things I Learned/Something I Was Reminded Of:

A Word/Theme To  
Take With Me This  
Week:

## **Thank you for worshipping with us today!**

- ♦ If you're a visitor with us, we welcome you in the name of Christ and invite you to fill out the card in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate. We would love to reach out to you and get to know you better!
- ♦ Nursery care for infants through age two, as well as Children in Worship for children ages 3-5th grade are all available during our worship service.
- ♦ Activity bags for small children are available near the office.
- ♦ Hearing enhancers are available in the Sound Booth.
- ♦ As a courtesy, please switch your cell phones off or to silent mode.



As we gather for worship on this first Sunday of Lent, we come as a people in need of mercy and as a people who have received it. Let us give glory to our merciful, loving, compassionate, and Triune God. Welcome to worship!

This morning we welcome **Pastor Brad Bierma** to join us in worship! Pastor Brad comes to us from Calvary Church in Pella, Iowa, and will be looking to Luke 23:26-43 to base his message, "Today in Paradise".

Next Sunday, **Mr. Jerry Van Someren** returns to lead us in worship with his message, "Consider a Nail" from Mark 1:9-13.

Following our morning worship service today, we will have a time of question and answer with Pastor Brad, followed by a **Family Fellowship Meal**. Childcare be provided upstairs by our youth group during the Q&A. It will not be livestreamed, but if you would like to view a recording, contact the office on Monday. The Purple and Orange shepherding groups will be serving a delicious meal of hot turkey, cheesy potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, Jello, and dessert.

Please plan to stay after church next Sunday for a brief congregational meeting.

***Sunday Night Live does NOT meet tonight.*** This month we will instead meet on March 16 and & 30, accommodate events added to our calendar. Please let your child's counselor know if your children are unable to attend.



Wednesday, March 12, is the **CRC Annual Day of Prayer**. This year, a '*Prayers by the Hour*' schedule has been prepared for you to participate. They can be found in your church mailbox, on the tables in the Narthex, and on the back page of this bulletin. It is our hope that this Wednesday, many of you will join together in meaningful prayer for our church, community, country, and world.

## Our Church Family

We wish a very happy birthday to:

>**Marg Timmer**, celebrating 86 years on Thursday, March 13.

>**Duane Bouma**, celebrating 81 years on Saturday, March 15.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Rosie Van Driel**, who passed away on Wednesday, March 5. Her funeral will take place at 11:00 a.m. at Pease CRC on Tuesday, March 11, with a time of visitation one hour prior.

Please be in prayer for our **Administrative Team** and our **Council**, who both meet tomorrow evening. We give thanks to God for their faithful service and dedicated leadership.



**Men's Timeout** is next Saturday, March 15, at 8:00 a.m.! Come for a delicious breakfast and hear from our youth leader Dylan Moorlag about the impact of our church hosting SERVE this summer, and the benefits it will pose to our community.

Our **Cadet club** had no small amount of fun recently flying down tubes at Wild Mountain on a balmy February day. Our next meeting is March 16!



**March is Food Pantry Month!** The DAC is partnering with Pease CRC to collect food for the Princeton Food Pantry. Non-perishable donations can be brought through the month of March and placed in the box in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support of those in need in our communities!

Second offerings for the remainder of March will be received as follows:

3/16– Milaca Area Food Pantry

3/23– MN Adult & Teen Challenge

3/30– 125 Campaign

The deacons gratefully acknowledge the following receipts from February:

>Community Christian School- \$825.00

>Benevolent Fund- \$1,185.00

>Cadets- \$730.00

>125 Campaign- \$957.00

>February General Fund- \$39,306.64

## Calendar for the Week

### Sunday, March 9

9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship  
Q & A with Pastor Brad  
Family Fellowship Meal

### Monday, March 10

1:30 p.m.

Mission Society

4:30 p.m.

Administrative Team Meeting

5:30 p.m.

Full Council Special Meeting

### Tuesday, March 11

11:00 a.m.

Funeral of Rosie Van Driel

### Wednesday, March 12

9:00 a.m.

Women's Crafting Group

10:30 a.m.

Senior Bible Study

6:00 p.m.

Coffee Break

6:30 p.m.

REC Jr.

7:45 p.m.

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### Thursday, March 13

7:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

### Saturday, March 15

8:00 a.m.

Men's Timeout

## Advance Notices

- >Sunday Night Live: Sunday, March 16; 4-6 p.m.
- >Leadership Roundtable: Monday, March 17; 4:00 p.m.
- >Facilitator's Meeting: Monday, March 17; 5:30 p.m.
- >Shepherding Meeting: Monday, March 17; 6:00 p.m.
- >Coffee in the Fireside Room: Wednesday, March 19: 9:00 a.m.
- >MN Adult & Teen Challenge: Sunday, March 23

## Community Announcements

Community Christian School is excited to invite you to the **2025 CCS Auction & Dinner** on April 11 at Northern Lights Ballroom & Banquet Center! Doors open at 5 PM. This year's event promises to be an unforgettable evening, and we'd love for you to be a part of it. Purchase your tickets and register ONLINE by March 28. Download the *Handbid* app on your phone or register online: [handbid.app.link/25ccsauction](https://handbid.app.link/25ccsauction). If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to Amy Banks at [abanks@ccspease.com](mailto:abanks@ccspease.com) or call 320.369.4239. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for CCS!

## Opportunities To Serve

**Sound Board Today, March 9:** Bernie Boldt

**Next Sunday, March 16:** Tom Patten

**Media Today, March 9:** Stacy Patten

**Next Sunday, March 16:** Linda Droogsma

**Livestream Today, March 9:** Dylan Moorlag

**Next Sunday, March 16:** Bob Sumner

**Greeters Today, March 9:**

**East Door:** Dianne Christensen

**Next Sunday, March 16:**

**East Door:** John & Carol Teeler

**Ushers Today, March 9:**

**East:** Bill Ruis

**West:** Laura Broberg

**Next Sunday, March 16:**

**East:** Mike Larsen

**West:** Duane Droogsma

**Nursery Today, March 9:**

**Leaders:** Sharon Hanenburg, Tony Van't Hof

**Helpers:** Aeli Luckhurst, Maddie Pipkin

**Next Sunday, March 16:**

**Leaders:** Carrie Luckhurst, Katie Moorlag

**Helpers:** Annika Kiel, Lauryn Droogsma

**Children's Church Today, March 9:**

**Little Lambs:** *"A Wonderful Sight!"*

**Leader:** Haley Hemmerich

**Worship Center:** *"Jarius' Daughter"*

**Leader:** Sara Swanson

**Sunday School:** *No Class, Pastor Visit*

**Children's Church Next Sunday, March 16:**

**Little Lambs:** *"A Better Thing to Do"*

**Leader:** Mary Koppendrayner

**Worship Center:** *"The Great Banquet"*

**Leader:** Sara Swanson

**Sunday School:** *Unit 2, Week 2*

**2nd & 3rd Leader:** Shirley Geurkink

**4th & 5th Leader:** Nicole Hoffman



Thank You!

**West Door:** Den & Jayne Kiel

**West Door:**

**Center:** John & Carol Teeler

**Center:** Harly Pap

**Greeter:** Keslyn Hoyez

**Greeter:** Ella Tatzke

**Greeter:** Mallery Vander Plaats

**Greeter:** Molly Tatzke



# Prayers by the Hour

2025 CRC Annual Day of Prayer  
Wednesday, March 12



This prayer guide is based on Philippians 4:4-7

It will follow the rhythm of the Lord's Prayer:

**Reverence:** That God would be praised

**Response:** That God's will is done

**Requests:** For both resources and relationships

**Readiness:** To be holy for the work God calls us to do

- 8:00-** Our gracious and heavenly Father, we rejoice in You because you are..  
We rejoice in You always even when...  
We rejoice in You because we've seen You at work in...
- 9:00-** You are God, yet I am anxious about...  
God, the church is yours, so I trust You for...
- 10:00-** We pray for the ministries of the CRCNA, and lift up the people  
working on Your behalf to do God's work: Thrive, ReFrame, World  
Renew, Resonate Global Mission
- 11:00-** We pray for the ministries of the CRCNA, and lift up the people  
working on Your behalf to do God's work: CRC Canada (Indigenous  
Ministries, Diaconal Ministries CA, Centre for Public Dialogue)
- 12:00-** We pray for the ministries of the CRCNA, and lift up the people  
working on Your behalf to do God's work: Calvin University,  
Calvin Theological Seminary
- 1:00-** We pray for Pease Church; for our church leaders, staff,  
volunteers, and families. We give thanks for the servant hearts  
that You have provided in this place, and ask for Your continued  
grace and mercy!
- 2:00-** We pray for our community; for our local leaders, our schools,  
our churches, and organizations. Help us to remember to put  
You first in all things.
- 3:00-** We pray for our nation; that God's peace, justice, and protection  
would cover those in need. We pray for unity, integrity, and wise  
leadership throughout our country.
- 4:00-** We pray for our world; for the poor, sick, and hungry. We pray for  
the persecuted church, for leaders in positions of power, and that  
Your kingdom will come.
- 5:00-** Help us to hold onto your peace in...  
Guard our hearts and minds when...
- 6:00-** "Father in Heaven, we pray these things as a diverse family of  
congregations, assemblies, and ministries across North America.  
As your children, united in this denomination, we thank You for  
hearing our prayers and sustaining our efforts." Amen