

Luke 9:23-26
Finding Ourselves (In Christ)



Main Point: *We only find ourselves by looking completely away from self to Christ alone.*

September 4, 2022

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I. **We Must Die to Self and Follow Christ (9:23)**

Prelude
Congregational Sharing
*Greeting One Another

APPROACH TO GOD

*Call to Worship
*Song of Praise
God So Loved
*Prayer of Praise
*Song of Praise
How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Psalm 100

II. **We Must Lose Our Self to Find True Life in Christ (9:24-25)**

RENEWAL IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Forgiveness
Song of Assurance
Jesus Thank You

Galatians 4:4-7

THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message
Scripture Reading
Sermon

Luke 9:23-26
"Finding Ourselves (In Christ)"

III. **We Must Look Away from Self to the Approval of Christ (9:26)**

RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory Prayer
Song of Response
*Affirmation of Faith
Congregational Prayer
*Benediction
*Doxology
*Postlude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Heidelberg #34

Hymn #224

Mary Holle

*Congregation standing if able

FAITH REFORMED CHURCH

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Our Worship

As we gather to worship this morning through faith in Christ, we are entering into conversation with God as He speaks in His Word and is with us by the Spirit. Our worship service has an intentional movement that focuses on the Gospel:

- We begin with our **APPROACH TO GOD**, hearing a call to worship from His word and then responding to Him with songs and prayers of praise.
- We then have a time of **RENEWAL IN CHRIST** in which we confess our sins and hear His promise of forgiveness in His word and through song.
- Assured of His grace, we then listen to **THE WORD OF GOD** as it is preached from our passage for that day, and we all receive the sacrament of communion monthly as a “visible word” from God.
- After hearing the Word preached, we end our service with our **RESPONSE TO GOD**. We give offerings, affirm our faith, pray for needs in the congregation and world, and hear a blessing from God before singing a final praise to Him.

Through it all, God intends to bless us and change us by His grace so that we would go into the world to live for His glory. So let us come in humble faith, ready to hear and respond to our God and Savior.

Reflections

“[People today believe that] when you are figuring out how to lead your life, the most important answers are found deep inside yourself” (David Brooks).

“The human race is suffering from a collective identity crisis” (Kevin Vanhoozer).

“Give yourself up, and you will find your real self. Lose your life and you will save it... Look for yourself and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin and decay. But look for Christ and you will find him, and with him everything else thrown in” (C.S. Lewis).

If you wish to reach Pastor Zach, you may dial the church office or reach him by cell phone at 920-212-5489. His office hours are Tuesday-Friday 9:30-5:30.

Elder on Call: If you are unable to reach Pastor Zach you may contact the Elder on call. Elder on call for September is **John Morgan** (262-227-6650)

Prayer Guide

Praises and Thanksgivings

Jesus Resurrection
Our living hope in Jesus

Petitions

That our state and nation would value life and protect life in the womb
For people to hear the gospel hope
Our daily faith and trust in the gospel
A heart of submission to Christ
Spiritual wisdom and discernment
Commitment to be reading Scripture
Discipline and courage to obey
To be guided by Scripture, not culture
Boldness and grace toward falsehood
Our hearts to be focused on Christ
Courage to stand firm for the gospel
Our ministry in the PCA
Pastor Zach Tarter
Jon Damkot – Youth Director
Disciple making at Faith Reformed
Spiritual revival
People in Ukraine
Our government leaders
Our youth to grow in Christ
Those serving in the military
The unity of Cedar Grove churches
Those with addictions/in jail or prison
Bible study at KMCI
Our persecuted brothers & sisters

Health

Rich Dykstra-recovering from having a couple of stints put in
Kathy Bruggink – diagnosed with congestive heart failure
Gil Meinen – Praise to God for good lab results on his blood disorder. Pray for continued health moving forward.
Gail Meerdink – finished radiation treatments and is waiting for results in the next few weeks.

Shut-ins

Delores Droppers

Mission & Outreach

Anchor of Hope
Witness of Christ’s love to local families
For our unchurched neighbors

Schedule

TODAY

Morning Worship

Tuesday: 1:30pm - Ladies of Faith
8-9:30pm - Men's Bible Study

Wednesday: 6:00pm – Connect at EPC
6:30pm – Adventure Island
6:30pm – Prayer Meeting

Thursday: 6-7:00am – Men's Bible Study
4:30-6:00am Food Pantry

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

September 11: Promotion Sunday

September 18: Communion

September 20: Session Meeting

October 15: Fall Fest

Ushers for September: Craig Droppers, Wayne Bloemers, Bruch Lukens

Nursery for September 4: Pam Deppiesse, Amara Beernink

Nursery for September 11: Kristy Weiss & Anna Jerabek

Refreshments for September: Care Group #4 (Bonnie & Margie)

Serving in the Military:

PFC Jaedyn Kettenhoven – Serving in Wiesbaden, Germany

CMR 467

Box 3767

APO, AE 09096

PFC Josh Coley – US Army serving in Ansbach, Germany

CMR 454

Box 2371

APO, AE 09250

Jackson DeRuyter – New Mexico\

Family Life at Faith

Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry update – We served **42 families** at the food pantry in August. Our next Food Pantry will be Thursday, September 8th. There is a barrel outside Faith Reformed by the west doors for donations. **We are extremely low on Cereal, Soup and Pasta. We are completely out of Mac & Cheese.** (Please check the expiration dates on the items you donate). If you could help us serve one month – please contact Faith Reformed Church (920-668-6725). Thank you!

Love Inc. –In September we are collecting— new standard-size bath towels and hook and loop Velcro. For questions on your donations, please contact your Love, Inc Representative, Mike Heinen (920-912-1256). Thank you.

If you desire to remove your name from the nomination list, please communicate so in writing to pastor Zach or an elder by TODAY.

Pine Haven is looking for volunteers to transport residents to and from their rooms/households to our beauty shops at our Giddings Avenue and Haven Drive campuses. Volunteers are needed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday's from 8:45 to 12ish. Volunteer once a month or once a week, whatever is best for you! We hope to hear from you soon! Please reach out to Stacy with any questions. 920-550-5289 or sherr@pinehaven.org.

Bethel OPC in Oostburg is thrilled to host the 3rd annual Bosgraf Lecture series on Missions and Discipleship this coming November 12-13, 2022. Our featured speaker this year is Dr. Brian Fikkert who serves a Professor of Economics and Community Development and the Founder and President of the Chalmers Center for Economic Development at Covenant College. There are seminars on November 12 from 8am-Noon and one at 6pm. There is no cost for any of these events, but we do ask that your register via the Eventbrite links provided below so we can plan for space and food for all attending.

Nov 12 AM—<https://Dependence2Dignity.eventbrite.com>

Nov 12 PM— <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/when-helping-hurts-tickets-404914027757>

Family Life at Faith

Ladies of Faith will meet this Tues. Sept. 6th at 1:30pm. Bible Study lesson #8 will be led by Muriel Meinen. Hostesses are Muriel Meinen and Shirley Hoytink. You can pick up a copy of the May Secretary and Treasurer reports at the information center.

Senior men & women come play Corn Hole on Thursday, September 8th for one hour beginning at 1:00pm at Sauk Trail Conservation Club. You don't need a team, invite a friend. Questions call John Navis at 920-980-6441.

Faith Family Newsletters were sent out last week. If you prefer a paper copy you can pick one up in the information center. Information for the October newsletter will be due September 25th.

Sunday, September 11, will be **Promotion Sunday**. We will have a breakfast served from 8:00-9:15am and **church will start at 9:30am**. Come and enjoy some great food and fellowship as we prepare to start another year of Sunday school.

Mark your calendar: Fall Fest will be Saturday, Oct. 15. It will be an Italian Menu with an auction to follow. More details to follow in the upcoming weeks.

Nursery Help – If you would like to help take care of kids during the Sunday Morning worship service in the nursery and are not already on my list you can sign up on the sheet in the information center. We are looking for anyone 6th grade and older, boys or girls. If you have any questions, see Wendy Wonsler.

It is our pleasure to invite you to the **Pine Haven Annual Meeting** of the Corporation on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Due to existing COVID-19 restrictions within the senior care industry, we will not be hosting a dinner. Our meeting will be held in the Family Life Center at First Reformed Church, 527 Giddings Avenue, Sheboygan Falls. COVID safety protocols, i.e., wearing masks and social distancing, will be personal preference and optional for all attendees.

We are currently collecting:

- Stamps for the Alliance Stamp Ministry
- Soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House
- Love Inc. Month of May-Love Bucket supplies

Youth News

CONNECT Opening Night! - This **Wednesday, September 7th**, students grades 6-12 will kick off a new year of Connect at **EPC (221 N Main St)** from **6:00-7:30PM!** We'll order pizza to start the year so students should come hungry.

Adventure Island Opening Night! - This **Wednesday, September 7th**, Adventure Island will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:30-7:30**. Registration and games begin at 6:10.

Sunday School (all ages) begins **Sunday, September 11th**.

Core Small Group Bible Studies (grades 6-12) begin **Sunday, September 11th**.

The topic for Adult Sunday School this fall will be Knowing God. We will consider how and why we know God, the attributes of God, and the benefits we enjoy in knowing God. We will have a rotation of teachers that will teach and lead discussion from JI Packer's book, *Knowing God*, but you don't have to read the book to benefit from the class. However, if you would like to read the book, we will have a sign-up in the Narthex with the price and can order it for you.

Special Birthdays in September - Please send cards of Birthday blessings to the following Faith members:

Joan Meylink will be 92 on September 6th

Ron Meinen will be 82 on September 9th

Marge Dirske will be 88 on September 26th