

1 Samuel 17:1-58
The Battle is the Lord's



Main Point: While we are often fearful & weak in spiritual battle, we find strength & victory in weakness when we trust the LORD to fight for us as King.

I. The Fear & Failure of Unbelief (17:1-11)

II. The Courage & Confidence of Faith (17:12-40)

III. The Passion & Priorities of Faith (17:41-47)

IV. The Victory & Triumph of Faith (17:48-58)

April 21, 2024

Nicole Velzke

Prelude
Congregational Sharing
*Greeting One Another

APPROACH TO GOD

*Call to Worship Psalm 149:1-4
*Song of Praise
We Will Feast in the House of Zion
*Prayer of Praise
*Song of Praise
You've Already Won

RENEWAL IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Forgiveness Romans 8:31-39
*Song of Assurance
In Christ Alone

THE WORD OF GOD

Memory Work (2nd, 3rd, & 4th Grade)
Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 17:1-30
Children's Message
(Children's Church: 3-5-year-olds)
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RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory Prayer
Song of Response *To God Be the Glory* Hymn #8
*Affirmation of Faith WSC #26
Congregational Prayer
*Benediction
*Doxology
*Postlude Nicole Velzke

*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

“As those who have entered into the Davidic line, we are called by Christ and empowered by his Spirit to walk in similar faith...As David of old, we do not put on armor like Saul’s fit for battling on the human plane. Rather we put on armor that is composed of the spiritual qualities exemplified by David on the battlefield...We go forth not with great resources or powerful technology, but rather as the weak in whom God’s strength is perfected” (Mark Boda, *After God’s Own Heart: The Gospel According to David*, 73-74).

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. If you are unable to reach Pastor Zach you may contact the Elder on call. The Elder on call for April is Steve Rauwerdink (920-946-3896).

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
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
Courage to stand firm for the gospel
Our ministry in the PCA
Pastor Zach Tarter
Jon Damkot – Youth Director
BJ Hilbelink – Pastoral Assistant
Disciple making at Faith Reformed
Spiritual revival
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
Our persecuted brothers & sisters

Health

Norm DeRuyter – praise that the toe is healing well and prayers for continued healing
Donna Caljouw – was put back on her oral medication for her cancer
Don Schreurs – is at Pine Haven Oostburg Campus, prayers as he has decided to discontinue treatment for his cancer
David Carlton – had a pacemaker put in, prayers that it would be effective

Shut-ins

Wayne Navis
Neil Bruggink
Delores Droppers
Herb Dirkse – Cedar Grove Gardens, Building 2 – room 10

Mission & Outreach

Converge – Tom & Tanya Clyde
Good News Jail Prison Ministry
For our unchurched neighbors

Schedule

TODAY

Men's Breakfast – 7:00am
Worship Service – 9:00am
Sunday School – 10:30am
Core – 6:00pm

Tuesday – 8:15pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday – 5:00pm Worship Team Meeting
-6:00pm Connect
- 6:30pm Quest
- 6:30pm Prayer Group

Thursday – 6:00am Men's Bible Study
-9:30am Women's Bible Study
-6:00pm Care Group Leader Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

April 28 Youth Sunday
April 28 Compassion Sunday
May 1 Senior Luncheon
May 4 Youth Brat Fry at Calvary
May 5 Lunch & Learn

Ushers for April: Justin Obbink, Troy Rauwerdink, Jon DeRuyter

Nursery for April 21: Nate Zimmermann, Levi Heinen & Amara Beernink

Nursery for April 28: Emily Van Allen, Caleb Eberspacher & Amelia Velzke

Refreshments for April: Care Group #2 (Jane & Lynn)

Greeters April 21 - **Narthex:** Eric & Anna Meinnert Family

- **Great Room:** Andy & Kari Meinen

Greeters April 28 – **Narthex:** HS Youth

- **Great Room:** HS Youth

Serving in the Military:

Jackson DeRuyter

*Pray for all our troops serving around the world

Family Life at Faith

The Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry served 25 families at the April Food Pantry. The next Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, May 9th. **Right now, we are low on cereal, peanut butter, pasta sauce & paper products.** Please check the expiration dates on your donations! If you could help us serve one month – please contact Faith Reformed Church (920-668-6725). Thank you for your generosity!

For Love INC in April, we will be collecting **Personal Care Kits:** toilet paper, lotion, combs, tissues, soap, deodorant, feminine products, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, and tote bags. For questions on your donations, please contact your Love, Inc Representative, Jodi Danforth (920-254-1385). Thank you.

Special Birthdays in April: Mary Ann DeHaai turns 85 on April 22nd

Love INC Brat Fry and Bake Sale- Mentink's Piggly Wiggly Oostburg - The annual Brat Fry and Bake Sale held by the Oostburg churches and Faith Reformed to benefit Love INC will take place on April 27. We are in need of bake sale items and a few people to work in the food trailer from 10am -12pm and from 12pm-3pm. Contact Jodi Danforth or look for the sign-up sheet by the mailboxes. Baked goods can be dropped off that morning directly to the bake sale between 8:30 - 9:00 am. Thank you!

Thank you to all those who have signed up to bring food for the Salvation Army meal. This has been a great blessing for them and the people who receive it. There is now a **sign-up sheet for May & June** in the information center. Please prayerfully consider helping with this cause. If you have any questions, please see Wendy Wonsler.

Thank you so much for all the cards and good wishes I received on my birthday. They were all very special and greatly appreciated.

Carolyn Bruggink

Men's Softball - The 2024 season begins Monday, May 6th and runs through mid-August! Games are played every Monday night in Belgium and Grafton. Check out odbcport.org/softball for more information on the league we are a part of and watch future bulletins for game times and locations. Contact Carl Velzke (920-917-0902 or carl.velzke@gmail.com) with any questions or to join the team!

Family Life at Faith

All information for the May Newsletter is due Sunday April 28th.

The women of Faith are invited to the 2nd Annual Confection Connection Baking Night! Join us for an evening of baking, recipe-sharing, and fellowship on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 pm in the great room. We're also looking for 4-5 women to showcase their favorite recipes during the event. If you have a signature treat that you'd love to share, please let Emily Tarter or Emily Van Allen know. We are looking forward to a sweet night of fellowship and growing in Christ together!

Seniors - The Care Connection will be hosting a Senior Luncheon here at Faith Church on Wednesday, May 1st at noon. We will start serving punch at 11:30am. The guest speaker will be Hubert Nett and he will be talking about the children's books that he has written. There is a sign-up sheet in the information center. Please feel free to bring a guest. The deadline for signing up is April 21st. If you are housebound and would like a meal delivered to you, we will gladly do that, after the presentation that afternoon. Just let Wendy know in the office.

Dr. Walt Kaiser has blessed us with resources on 1 Samuel. Those resources are on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to take one.

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy in the passing of our Mom, Grandma, and Great-Grandma. All were very much appreciated.

Craig, Sue, Kyle, Ben, Nicole, Amalia & Luke Droppers

Memory Work Recitation Schedule:

2nd Grade - Books of the NT (**April 21**)

3rd Grade - Books of the OT (**April 21**)

4th Grade - Apostle's Creed (**April 21**)

5th Grade - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (April 28)

6th Grade - Psalm 23 (April 28)

7th Grade - Colossians 3:1-4 (May 5)

8th Grade - Colossians 3:12-17 (May 5)

9th/10th Grade - Heidelberg Q&A #1 (May 19)

11th/12th Grade - Ephesians 2:1-10 (May 19)

Youth News

CORE (Grades 6-12) - **Tonight, April 21st** Core small group Bible studies meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:00PM!**

CONNECT Year-End Party (Grades 6-12) - **Wednesday, April 24th** students are invited to **Calvary OPC** for dinner and fellowship from **6:00-7:30** to close out the year, so come hungry!

QUEST (Grades 5K-5) - **Wednesday, April 24th** Quest will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:30-7:30PM**. Registration and games begin at 6:10.

Brat Fry - The youth group will serve brats & burgers on the day of the community garage sale (**May 4**) from **10:00-2:00** at **Calvary OPC!** All proceeds go towards the Baltimore mission trip.

Envelope Drive - If you picked up an envelope to donate ingredients for the brat fry, remember to place it in the offering by **Sunday, May 5th**. Thanks for your support of the youth!

Mother's Day Pies - If you'd like to purchase a pie for Mother's Day, you can place your order on the form by the mailboxes or at the link below by **Sunday, May 5th**. You can choose to pick your pie up after the service on Sunday, May 12th, or on Saturday, May 11th between 4:00-5:00. Proceeds support middle schoolers who plan to attend our weekend retreats! Link: <https://faithcedargrove.breezechms.com/form/Pies24>

Mother's Day Pie Workers - If you're currently in grades 5-8 and would like to earn money towards attending our annual weekend retreats, you can sign up to make pies from **1:00-4:00PM** on **Saturday, May 11th** by signing up by the mailboxes or texting Jon and letting him know you'll be there!

Mulch for Missions - Thanks to all who supported the youth either through purchasing or helping deliver a record amount of mulch on Saturday!

Camp Calvin - Youth currently in grades 3-8 are invited to Camp Calvin from **June 16-21!** Registration is open at www.campcalvin.com. Faith Reformed is offering half-off to children of members/adherents; to take advantage of the discount, select the "half payment" option when you register, and text Jon and let him know that you're signed up!