

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026

9:30 AM

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Susan Bultena*

For Praise:

✠Songs of Praise #74 “Majesty”

#83 “Lord, We Praise You”

✠Prayer of Confession (read in unison)

Creator of all worlds, we confess to sporadic beliefs and inconsistent faithfulness. Before the mystery of the universe our minds cannot grasp a God who embraces infinity. In the face of natural disasters and cruel inhumanity we doubt that love reigns. Between our own actions and the best we know we see a wide gap that we cannot bridge. O God, reclaim us and help us to reclaim our baptism; we need your healing, forgiving, transforming Spirit. Amen.

✠Words of Assurance

✠Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”

✠Passing of the Peace

Ministry in Music – *Video*

For Reflection:

Children’s Message

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 60:1-3 (pages 1155-1156)

Response Psalm – Psalm 29:1-4 (page 866)

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 3:13-17 (page 1499)

Message: **“Grand Opening”**

Prayer of Commitment

✠Hymn #202 “Amazing Grace”

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

✠Presentation of our Gifts to God (read in unison)

God of grace and glory, you call us with your voice of flame to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Church Family Ties – Love INC update

Congregational Prayer and “*The Lord’s Prayer*”

✠Benediction

✠Closing Song “How You Love Me”

Postlude

✠*Please stand during these acts of worship.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The scripture and message will be posted on Facebook. You may view the worship service live in the kitchen, the Family Life Center, and the nursery.

Thank you to Michelle Paulson, executive director of Love INC (In the Name of Christ), for giving the ministry update this morning.

Children in preschool-5th grades may leave during the closing song to go to “Little Lambs” choir and their Sunday School class. Youth in 6th-12 grades meet in the chapel at 10:40 AM for their Bible study.

Adults are invited to bring their coffee to the Family Life Center for a video/discussion series with Max Lucado leading a word-by-word video study of John 3:16. Today is lesson 3, “The Heart He Offers.”

February newsletters have been sent by email. Printed newsletters are available by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

Contact Charish Weeldreyer or Kristi Rops if you can serve coffee/cookies following worship on February 15.

Treasurers for all groups within the church need to submit a year-end financial report to the church office.

The new Words of Hope devotion booklets have arrived and are by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. The devotions are also online at **woh.org**

“Lost and Found” items are on a table in the fellowship hall. Items that are not claimed today will be given away.

Let us do the cooking for you on February 1 and join us for the youth group Soup and Pie Supper. We will be serving from 5-7, and free will donations will be accepted for our youth group. Sign-up in the fellowship hall if you would like to donate supplies for the meal. Please see Marc or Nicole with any questions.

“Soup-er Sunday” is February 8. You may bring items for the Lennox Exchange Food pantry. Feel free to wear your favorite team jersey. Chili and chicken noodle soup will be served for everyone at 11:20 AM.

Inspiration Hills is taking applications for Summer Staff 2026. Needed are counselors, coordinators, lifeguards, dishwashers, lawn mowers, and more. Apply [here](http://www.inspirationhills.org/summer-staff), **www.inspirationhills.org/summer-staff** or contact **Lucas Draffen (712) 578-1422** with questions.

Love INC will start Transformational Ministries in February with new opportunities to volunteer such as providing transportation, serving meals, providing childcare during classes, and mentoring. Volunteers also provide office support, visit neighbors, and answer phone calls. Day and evening hours are available. The next **Volunteer Training event is February 10 at 6:00 PM**. Call Michelle Paulson at 605-681-6550 with questions or to register.

Thank you for your donation to Inspiration Hills. We are blessed by donors who help others receive a camp experience. *Kristi Schaeffer, director*

Hope Haven’s “Keys of Love” Dueling Piano Fundraiser will be Friday, February 13, at 7:00 PM, at The District in Sioux Falls. Come for a fun night of music and entertainment with Dueling Duo, Andy & Ryno. All proceeds support Hope Haven International Ministries in providing wheelchairs to those in need around the world. Tickets and details at hopehaven.org/events

Our church's adverse weather policy states that if school is canceled or dismissed early due to weather conditions; there will be no evening activities at the church. In the event of adverse weather on Sunday morning, cancellations will be announced through the prayer chain.

Go to www.secondreformed.com to join our email prayer chain group. Click "services" at the top of the page, scroll down and click the "join" button in the prayer chain section. Contact Jerod Zimmer or Kristi Rops for assistance. **You may also participate in a phone prayer chain group.** Contact Kristi Rops or Joann Muller to be added to a phone group.

Contact Jerod Zimmer, Shellene Smidt, or Charish Weeldreyer if you would like to give offerings by automatic bank withdrawals.

Last Sunday we received \$1,802 for the general fund (\$3,457 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget) and \$500 for missions.

TODAY:

Welcome to Second Reformed Church! We invite all visitors to sign the guest book and to join us for fellowship following worship.

Music: Helen Groen

Greeters: Hadley & Lynn Plucker

Coffee: Brian & Shellene Smidt

8:55-9:25 AM – Koffee Kiosk (bring your own covered mug)

9:30 AM – Worship Service

10:25 AM – Preschool-5th grade "Little Lambs" choir and Sunday School

10:30 AM – Coffee/Fellowship time

10:40 AM – Youth in 6th-12th grades meet in the chapel for Bible study

Adults meet in the Family Life Center for Video Series

11:15 AM – Classes dismiss

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday – "Sewing for Others" at 1:00 PM

Wednesday – 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30 PM at First English Lutheran

High School Youth at 7:40 PM at First English Lutheran

Friday – Bulletin information due by 9:00 AM

NEXT SUNDAY:

Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM; Worship Service at 9:30 AM; Music – Diana Smit; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – David & Margaret Rupert; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Gerry & Sue Schryvers and Jerry & Connie Dahlgard; Little Lambs Choir/Sunday School for Preschool-5th Grade at 10:25 AM; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM; 6th-12th Grade Youth meet in the chapel at 10:40 AM; Adults meet in the FLC for video/discussion at 10:40 AM; Classes dismiss at 11:15 AM

PRAYERS:

An update letter from the family we support in Europe asks for prayers that they be rooted in Christ. Pray that the growing fellowships around the world will have the spiritual and material resources they need.

Glorify God

Renew Through Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth



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