# Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

9:30 AM

## The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements - Derek Winterboer

## For Praise:

⊕Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

⊕Words of Assurance

⊕Passing of the Peace

Ministry in Music - Video

### For Reflection:

Children's Message

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 42:14-20 (page 1125)

Response Psalm – Psalm 27:1-6 (pages 864-865)

New Testament Lesson – John 9:1-12 (pages 1664-1665)

Message: "Light of the World"

Prayer of Commitment

⊕Hymn #427 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

## For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

⊕Offertory Response #625 "Doxology"

Gracious God, we give our best, lest in gaining the world we lose life itself. As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. As we contribute to the needs of your people, we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Church Family Ties - Christian Education Volunteers Recognition

Congregational Prayer and "The Lord's Prayer"

**⊕**Benediction

⊕Closing Song #359 "Jesus Is Lord of All"

Postlude

*<sup>⊕</sup>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.

Tithes and offerings may be designated for technology, helping hand, mission, or building funds. Undesignated gifts go to the general fund.

Preschool-4<sup>th</sup> graders will be dismissed for choir and Sunday School during the closing song. Grades 5-12 will meet at 10:40 AM.

Today is the last day of Sunday School classes until fall. Thank you to all the teachers, leaders, and helpers who make our Christian Education program possible.

May newsletters have been sent by email. Printed newsletters are on the table beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship phall.

"Sewing for Others" will meet this Tuesday, April 30, at 1:00 PM.

We will recognize 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduate Jocelyn Thoms during worship next Sunday morning, May 5. If there are other graduates, contact Kristi Rops.

Our Vacation Bible School is June 3-7 in the mornings. The theme is "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light." Let Verlainne Hayunga know how you can help. Registration forms are available in the fellowship hall or register online at **www.secondreformed.com** 

Thank you for all the ways you remembered me on administrative professional's day. I enjoy working for and with you. *Kristi Rops* 

Go to <u>www.secondreformed.com</u> 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.

Do you ever feel reluctant in personally sharing the Gospel? At a 5-hour Saturday workshop in Sioux Falls on May 18, let's dig into the Word, learn to express our personal God-stories, and interact with those who may be struggling without Him. Gain an "I-can-do-that" feeling, causing you to feel more natural in speaking spiritually with those you know. To sign-up for Everyday-Ambassadors Practicum, visit <a href="www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries">www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries</a> or contact Rev. Fred Wilgenburg at <a href="mailto:sfnewroots@gmail.com">sfnewroots@gmail.com</a>

There are a variety of summer camp options at Inspiration Hills for all ages. Register online at <a href="www.inspirationhills.org">www.inspirationhills.org</a> Second Reformed Church will pay ½ of your registration fee. You will need to complete a camp registration fee assistance form (available by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall).

Drivers are needed for "Meals on Wheels" in Lennox.

Last Sunday we received \$4,885 for the general fund (\$3,254 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget), \$100 for the mission fund, and \$10 for the technology fund.

Contact Kent DeJong or Mary Schilling if you would like to give offerings by automatic bank withdrawals through Security Bank in Chancellor or through American Bank & Trust in Lennox.

### TODAY:

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

Organist: Helen Groen

Greeters: Jerry & Mary Schilling

Coffee: Paul & Laurie Kruse and Chris & Jordan Kruse 8:55-9:25 AM – Koffee Kiosk (bring your own covered mug)

9:30 AM – Worship

10:25 AM – "Little Lambs" Choir and Sunday School for Preschool-4th Grades

10:30 AM - Coffee/Fellowship Time

10:40 AM - 5th-12th Grade Sunday School

#### THIS WEEK:

Tuesday – "Sewing for Others" at 1:00 PM Wednesday – Final Youth Meeting and Bonfire at Second Reformed Friday – Bulletin information due by 9:00 AM

## **NEXT SUNDAY:**

Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM; Worship Service at 9:30 AM with graduate recognition; Pianist – Diana Smit; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Alex & Elizabeth Sinning; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Jerry & Mary Schilling and Brad & Teresa Smidt; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM

#### PRAYERS:

An update has been received from the mission family that we support in Europe. Pray for the legal necessities required for their continued residence in their country. They report that a new believer has been baptized. The partnership with Jesus.net is growing. "The Life of Jesus" video has registered 3.6 million views. The goal is to move from people merely watching the video to becoming actual disciples of Christ in real fellowships. An online learning platform called Codex has people take lessons and receive personal responses from an e-coach.

Glorify God

Renew Through Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth

The Lord is my light and my salvation—
WHOM SHALL I FEAR?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
OF WHOM SHALL I BE AFRAID?
PSALM 27:1

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