

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

9:30 AM

### The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Beverly Winterboer*

### For Praise:

✠Songs of Praise #76 “O for a Thousand Tongues”  
#83 “Lord, We Praise You”

✠Prayer of Confession (read in unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

✠Words of Assurance

✠Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”

✠Passing of the Peace

### For Reflection:

Children’s Message

Old Testament Lesson – Genesis 12:1-3 (page 17)

Response Psalm – Psalm 31:1-5 (pages 867-868)

New Testament Lesson – John 3:1-16 (pages 1649-1650)

Message: **“Born from Above”**

Prayer of Commitment

✠Hymn #350 “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

### For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

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

**God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life. Grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Church Family Ties

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

Sunday School Teacher Recognition

Graduate Recognition

✠Benediction

✠Closing Song #461 “He Leadeth 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.

Congratulations to our graduates. High School graduates are Alyssa Hoogestraat and Maxwell Weeldreyer. Graduates from 8<sup>th</sup> grade are Ace Reilly, Liam Sitter, Vincent Smidt, and Addison Kruger. Nick Rodriguez graduates from STI diesel program. Abigayle Eitreim will graduate from SDSU. She will be an ag teacher and FFA advisor. If there are other graduates, please contact Kristi Rops or Sandy Zwart.

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

Adults are invited to bring their coffee to the Family Life Center for a study series on Elijah.

Today is the last day of Sunday School classes. Thank you to everyone who volunteers and participates in our Christian education program. Classes will resume in the fall.

The Lord’s Supper will be served next Sunday morning, May 10.

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

Our Vacation Bible School is May 26-29, Tuesday-Friday, from 9:00 AM-Noon for children age 4 – current 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The theme is “True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.” Registration forms and volunteer sign-up are in the fellowship hall. You may also register online at [www.secondreformed.com](http://www.secondreformed.com) by clicking on the VBS logo.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our congregation and members of the community for all the bikes that were contributed to the Center of Hope “Geared to Empower” bike program. At last count there were 120 bikes taken to Center of Hope! We are so grateful for all your donations! *The Philathea Guild*

“The Nations Have Come to Us!” New Roots Ministry is hosting a gathering for Bible reflection on immigration with founder and former director, Carl Bruxvoort, for stories of immigration from Africa and for good ethnic foods and beverages. WHEN? Saturday, May 9, 9:00-11:30AM. WHERE? Empower Campus’ Community Room, 1915 E. 8th St, Sioux Falls (Park in the Center of Hope lot at 1905 E 8th St). QUESTIONS? Text/call Fred at (605)376-6330.

Volunteers are needed to mow our church lawn. Sign-up on the office door.

Inspiration Hills is hosting Camp Saturday on May 30 from 1:00-4:00 PM. This FREE open house is the perfect opportunity to tour the grounds, see where campers will be staying, meet the staff, ask questions, participate in fun activities, and so much more. Snacks will be provided. All are welcome; no registration required. Come catch a glimpse of summer camps.

Inspiration Hills has day camps, lodge camps, wilderness camps, girls only, guys only, take me fishing, saddle up, and grand camps. Register online at [inspirationhills.org](http://inspirationhills.org). Complete a blue camp fee assistance form (by our mailboxes) and Second Reformed will pay up to half your fee.

Words of Hope devotion books are available by our mailboxes or online at [woh.org](http://woh.org). Please share them with others.

Go to [www.secondreformed.com](http://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 \$1,682 for the general fund (\$3,457 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget), \$100 for the building fund, and \$1000 for a new outdoor sign.

#### **TODAY:**

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

Music: Diana Smit

Greeters: Tracy & Sharla West

Coffee: Bob & Karla Smit and Brad & Teresa Smidt

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

9:30 AM – Worship Service

10:25 AM – Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade "Little Lambs" Choir and Sunday School

10:30 AM – Coffee/Fellowship Time

10:40 AM – 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Study in the chapel

Adults meet in the Family Life Center for Elijah study series

11:15 AM – Classes dismiss

#### **THIS WEEK:**

Wednesday – Elder and Deacon meetings at 7:00 PM

Consistory meeting at 7:30 PM; Lunch – Jerod Zimmer

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 the Lord's Supper served; Music – Acoustic; Greeter & Special Music Coordinator – Robert White; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Dean & Cinda Rippenrop, Eugene & Dale Dannen, and Maxine Bossman; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM

#### **PRAYERS:**

Pray that our Vacation Bible School will be an outreach to our community to share the Gospel of Jesus. Prayer sheets are available in the fellowship hall.

Jerry Schilling was a surgical patient at Sanford Heart Hospital on Wednesday.

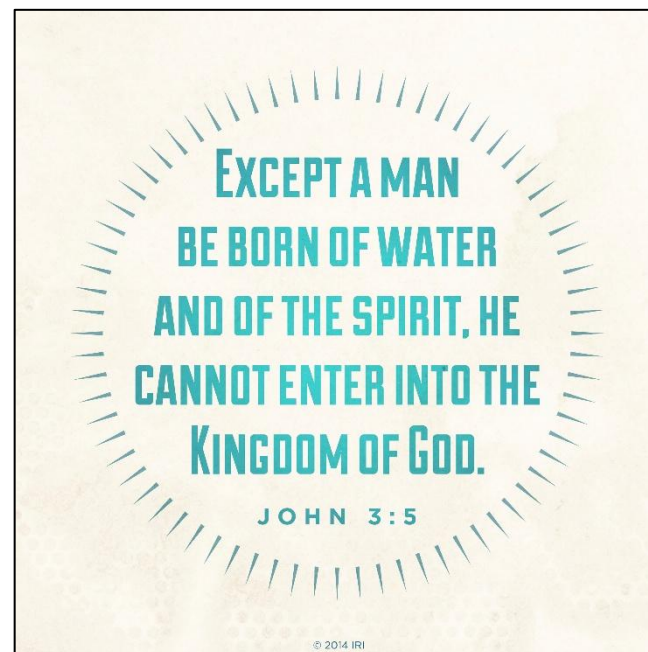
*Glorify God*

*Renew Through Christ's Resurrection*

*Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit*

*Commit to Compassion*

*Evangelize All the Earth*



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