

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

9:30 AM

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

For Praise:

✠ Song of Praise “Goodness of God”
✠ Prayer of Confession (read in unison)

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. 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 25:6-9 (pages 1095-1096)
Response Psalm – Psalm 66:1-7 (page 901)
New Testament Lesson – Luke 24:13-27 (pages 1642-1643)
Message: “**Beginning at the End**”
Prayer of Commitment
✠ Affirmation of Faith #717 “The Nicene Creed”
✠ Hymn “Glorious Day”

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings
✠ Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”
✠ Presentation of our Gifts to God (read in unison)

We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Church Family Ties
Congregational Prayer and “*The Lord’s Prayer*”
✠ Benediction
✠ Closing Song “Shine Jesus Shine”
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.

Children in preschool-5th grade 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 Bible Study.

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

We are collecting bicycles of all types and sizes during the month of April for the Center of Hope’s “Geared to Empower” bike ministry. Place your donated bikes in the trailer in the parking lot. All donations are appreciated.

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

Graduate recognition will be next Sunday, May 3. High School graduates are Alyssa Hoogestraat and Maxwell Weeldreyer. Graduates from 8th grade are Ace Reilly, Liam Sitter, Vincent Smidt, and Addison Kruger. Nick Rodriguez graduates from STI diesel program. If there are other graduates, please contact Kristi Rops or Sandy Zwart.

Next Sunday, May 3, will be the last day of Sunday School classes. Teachers will be recognized. Thank you to everyone who volunteers and participates in our Christian education program. Classes will resume in the fall.

Our Vacation Bible School is May 26-29, Tuesday-Friday, from 9:00 AM-Noon for children age 4 – current 4th 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 by clicking on the VBS logo.

Volunteer Work Days at Inspiration Hills are May 1-2. From trail work and firewood to painting and garden prep—there’s a job for everyone. Meals and snacks are provided. Bring gloves and tools. Overnight stay is available (freewill donation). Call 712-986-5193 or email ihills@inspirationhills.org

“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.

Words of Hope devotion books are available by our mailboxes or online at woh.org. Please share them with others.

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

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. Complete a blue camp fee assistance form (by our mailboxes) and Second Reformed will pay up to half your fee.

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 \$3,107 for the general fund (\$3,457 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget) and \$350 for the mission fund.

TODAY:

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

Music: Acoustic

Greeters: Marc & Charish Weeldreyer

Coffee: Dan & Jill DeVries and Keith & Leanne Lefers

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 – 6th-12th Grade Bible Study in the chapel

Adults meet in the Family Life Center for Elijah study series

11:15 AM – Classes dismiss

THIS WEEK:

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

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 and Sunday School teacher recognition; Music – Diana Smit; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Tracy & Sharla West; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Bob & Karla Smit and Brad & Teresa Smidt; 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 for Bible Study at 10:40 AM; Adult study series on Elijah at 10:40 AM in the Family Life Center; Classes dismiss at 11:15 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.

Karen Thompson (mother of Leanne Lefers) passed on Thursday. We extend our sympathies and prayers.

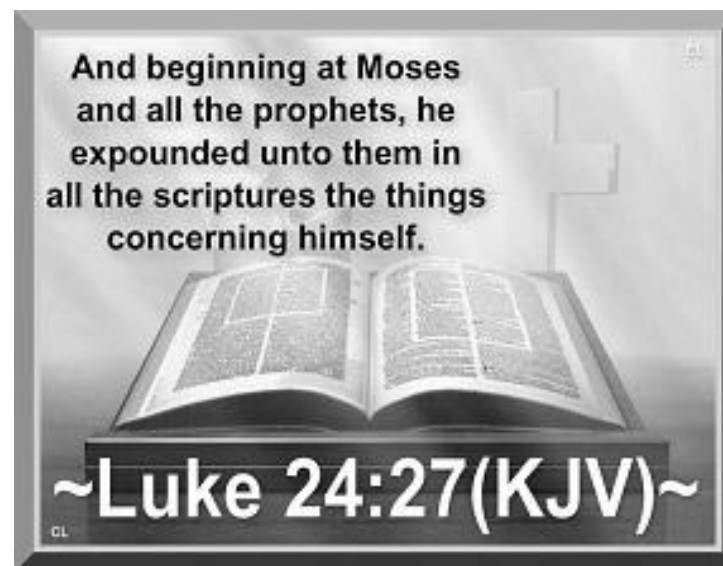
Glorify God

Renew Through Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth



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