

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

9:30 AM

### The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Derek Winterboer*

Lenten Reading: “The Placard”

### For Praise:

✠ Song of Praise “Goodness of God”

✠ Prayer of Confession (read in unison)

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you did not disdain the company of sinners but welcomed them with love. Look upon us in mercy, we pray. Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts enslave us; our misdeeds are beyond correcting. Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo; free us from a past we cannot change; heal what we can no longer fix. Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears of our past into the joys of new life with you. Amen.**

✠ Words of Assurance

✠ Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”

✠ Passing of the Peace

Ministry in Music – *Acoustic*

### For Reflection:

Children’s Message

Old Testament Lesson – 1 Chronicles 16:23-34 (page 651)

Response Psalm – Psalm 86:8-13 (pages 924-925)

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 9:9-13 (page 1509)

Message: “**Righteous Sinners**”

Prayer of Commitment

✠ Affirmation of Faith #716 “The Apostles’ Creed”

✠ Hymn #376 “I Have Decided to Follow 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, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Church Family Ties

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

✠ Benediction

✠ Closing Song “Glorious Day”

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.

During this Lenten season, we have readings and symbols which help focus attention on both the sorrowful aspect of Lent, as well as anticipation of the hope and newness of Resurrection Sunday.

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<sup>th</sup> 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’s session is “Standing Alone.”

April newsletter information is due in the office by 9:00 AM on Monday, March 23.

Palm Sunday, March 29, Lennox Ministerial is holding a community service at 5:00 PM at Chancellor Reformed Church with a time of fellowship following.

Our Maundy Thursday service will be April 2 at 7:00 PM with the Lord’s Supper served. An offering will be received for Turkish Church Plants through RCA Global Missions and for Words of Hope print and broadcast ministry.

There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for the Lenten prayer vigil on April 2-3. Sign-up to spend time in prayer and devotions from 8:00 PM Maundy Thursday through 8:00 PM Good Friday.

We will be collecting bicycles for the Center of Hope in April. Any type/size of bike may be donated.

Love in the Name of Christ is seeking a Connection Center Coordinator. The Connection Center is where requests for assistance are received and assessed by the Executive Director. This is currently a part-time position (10-12 hrs/week). Call 605-681-6550 or email [MichellePLoveInc@gmail.com](mailto:MichellePLoveInc@gmail.com).

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

The Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters will meet at the UGM (on the south side of 8th St), on March 20, at 2:00 PM. The Love Gift is 33-gallon trash bags.

A banquet for Freedom’s Gate and Living Stone Prison Church will be held March 26 at 6:30 PM at Gate City in Canton. RSVP to 605-366-3624. Pastor Dan and Pastor Jason will give updates. Former inmates will share how God has used the ministry to encourage and strengthen their Christian journey.

Hope Haven’s Annual Benefit Auction is Friday, March 27, at Te Slaa Trucking in Hull, Iowa. Doors open at 5:00, with a live auction at 5:30 PM. Over 450 items including: ATV, Glider Chairs, week stay in Black Hills. The Sponsor A Wheelchair Auction supports individuals with disabilities in developing countries. Visit [hopehaven.org](http://hopehaven.org) to browse the catalog and learn more.

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

An "Art of Marriage" Retreat will be held at Inspiration Hills on March 27-29. This weekend uses Family Life curriculum to help couples strengthen their relationship and grow together in Christ. The cost is \$50 per couple for lodging, meals, and materials. <https://www.inspirationhills.org/marriage>

Register now for summer camps at Inspiration Hills. There are 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) before April 15 for the best rates. 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](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.

Last Sunday we received \$2,048 for the general fund (\$3,457 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget).

#### 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: Tom & Denise Snoozy

Coffee: Rodney & Barb Knock and Dean & Emilie Mann

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 – No youth meetings this week

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 – Randy & Diana Smit; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Nathan & Elizabeth Hopf and Linda Olmstead; Little Lambs Choir/Sunday School for Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade at 10:25 AM; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM; 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth meet in the chapel at 10:40 AM; Adult study series on Elijah at 10:40 AM in the FLC; Classes dismiss at 11:15 AM

#### PRAYERS:

The family we support in Europe reports that God has been surprising them with new visitors each week. Last week a women drove two hours to attend. They are anxiously looking to what God will do with their open hands this year.

*Glorify God*

*Renew Through Christ's Resurrection*

*Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit*

*Commit to Compassion*

*Evangelize All the Earth*



**Pilate had a notice prepared  
and fastened to the cross. It read:**

**JESUS OF NAZARETH,  
THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

**John 19:19**

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