

## Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

9:30 AM

### The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Beverly Winterboer*

### For Praise:

✠Songs of Praise #44 “Children of the Heavenly Father”  
#43 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

✠Prayer of Confession (read in unison)

**If, at times, we deny you, God forgive. When the risks of discipleship are high, and we are nowhere to be found: God forgive. When we wash our hands of responsibility: God forgive. When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver: God forgive. When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it: God forgive. In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed. Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.**

✠Words of Assurance

✠Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”

✠Passing of the Peace

Ministry in Music

### For Reflection:

Children’s Message

Old Testament Lesson – Joshua 5:9-12 (page 337)

Response Psalm – Psalm 16:7-11 (pages 853-854)

New Testament Lesson – Colossians 3:1-11 (page 1834)

Message: **“Raised with Christ”**

Prayer of Commitment

✠Hymn #372 “Living for Jesus”

### For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

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

**You have given yourself to us, Lord. Now we give ourselves for others.**

**You have raised us with Christ and made us a new people. As people of the resurrection, we will serve you with joy. Your glory has filled our hearts. Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

Gideons International Presentation

Church Family Ties

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

✠Benediction

✠Closing Song #556 “Now Thank We All Our God”

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.

A Gideons International representative will give an update during worship. An offering for the Gideons will be received at the door.

Quilts made by “Sewing for Others” are displayed in the sanctuary and will be blessed this morning. They will be given to local organizations.

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’s session is “Prevailing Prayer.”

The Philathea Guild meeting planned for today has been moved to next Sunday, April 19.

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.

Greeting cards have been restocked in the church library.

The Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters will meet April 17 at 2:00 PM at Steen Reformed Church, Steen, MN. The Love Gift is cooking oil, ketchup and/or ranch dressing.

May newsletter information is due in the church office by 9:00 AM on Monday, April 20.

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 [MichellePLovelinc@gmail.com](mailto:MichellePLovelinc@gmail.com).

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.

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

The staff at Inspiration Hills are grateful for the campers the Lord has already brought their way. They are trusting Him to continue providing for every need and are specifically praying for more summer staff to serve these students well. Needed are: Male Counselors (high school graduates or older), Horse Wranglers, and Day Camp Coordinators. Apply online at [www.inspirationhills.org/summer-staff](http://www.inspirationhills.org/summer-staff)

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 \$3,164 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: Denise Snoozy

Greeter: Marlin Bultena

Coffee: Hadley & Lynn Plucker and Jerry & Mary Schilling

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:**

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

Wednesday – 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 with infant baptism; Music – Diana Smit; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Dan & Jill DeVries; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Kyle & Shelby Kretzschmar; Little Lambs Choir/Sunday School for Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade at 10:25 AM; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM; Philathea Guild meeting at 10:40 AM; 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 for the ministry of the Gideons International. The association serves in 200 countries partnering with Protestant and evangelical churches to place and distribute God's Word in 109 languages to reach souls for Christ.

*Glorify God*

*Renew Through Christ's Resurrection*

*Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit*

*Commit to Compassion*

*Evangelize All the Earth*

*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ,  
Set your hearts on things above.*

*Colossians 3:1*

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