

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

9:30 AM

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Derek Winterboer*

Lenten Reading: “The Whip”

For Praise:

✠ Song of Praise #183 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

✠ Prayer of Confession (read in unison)

God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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 – Genesis 3:22-24 (page 6)

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

New Testament Lesson – Romans 6:15-23 (pages 1754-1755)

Message: “**Paradise Lost**”

Prayer of Commitment

✠ Hymn #184 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠ Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

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

Through God’s Word, O Holy Spirit, bring us closer to our Savior.

And in response, triune God, prompt our hearts to offer you sincere thanks for our salvation. In the strong name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Church Family Ties

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

✠ Benediction

✠ Closing Song #195 “Nothing But the Blood”

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-5th grade may leave during the closing song to go to “Little Lambs” Choir and their Sunday School class. Youth in 6th-12th 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: Living Securely in an Insecure World. Elijah faced famine, murder and corruption—with both courage and fear. Come join this study series led by Pastor Harlan. Today’s session is “When the Brook Dries Up.”

The Lord’s Supper will be served next Sunday morning, March 15.

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

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. These are then referred to local churches, church volunteers, or community agencies. The Center follows up to ensure physical and spiritual needs are offered and met. This is currently a part-time position (10-12 hrs/week). Call 605-681-6550 or send inquiries and resumes to MichellePLovelnc@gmail.com.

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

Next Sunday there will be a sign-up sheet for the Lenten prayer vigil on April 2-3. Consider when you’d like to sign-up from 8:00 PM on Maundy Thursday through 8:00 PM on Good Friday.

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 buy it now items, followed by a live auction at 5:30 PM. With over 450 items on which to bid—ATV, Glider Chairs, week stay in Black Hills - there’s something for everyone. The Sponsor A Wheelchair Auction supports individuals with disabilities in developing countries. Visit hopehaven.org to browse the catalog and learn more.

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>

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

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 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 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 \$2,465 for the general fund (\$3,457 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget), \$150 for missions, \$50 for the building fund, and \$25 for helping hand.

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: Brian & Shellene Smidt

Coffee: Verlyn & Joann Muller, Marc & Charish Weeldreyer,
and Lynda DeJong

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

Wednesday – 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:00 PM

High School Youth at 7:40 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 the Lord's Supper served; Music – Acoustic; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Tom & Denise Snoozy; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Rodney & Barb Knock and Dean & Emilie Mann; 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 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



**Wanting to satisfy the crowd,
Pilate released Barabbas to them.
He had Jesus flogged,
and handed him over to be crucified.**

Mark 15:15

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