

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

9:30 AM

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Dennis Ebright*

For Praise:

✠ Song of Praise “Ancient Words”

✠ Prayer of Confession (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 – “This Is Our God” by Phil Wickham

For Reflection:

Children’s Message

Old Testament Lesson – Genesis 4:8-16 (page 7)

Response Psalm – Psalm 30:6-12 (page 867)

New Testament Lesson – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (page 1799)

Message: “**Old or New?**”

Prayer of Commitment

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

✠ Hymn “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠ Offertory Response #625 “*Doxology*”

✠ Presentation of our Gifts to God

✠ Offertory Prayer (in unison)

Journey with us, O holy God, as we continue our way to the cross. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves. Lead us through the shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts, that we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond to your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Church Family Ties

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

✠ Benediction

✠ Closing Song “10,000 Reasons”

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.

Tithes and offerings may be designated for technology, helping hand, mission, or building funds. Undesignated gifts go to the general fund. The offering will be received during worship or you may use the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary or the offering box in the narthex.

All children are invited to go to their Sunday School classes and “Little Lambs” choir during the closing song.

Adult Sunday School meets at 10:45 AM in the sanctuary. The format is a video discussion series on the book of Job. All are welcome. Today’s topic is “Contending with God.”

April newsletter information is due in the office on Monday, March 20.

The Sunday School youth are raising money for The Teddy Bear Den in Sioux Falls until April 2nd. Please consider donating to this great cause. More information on the organization is on a table in the fellowship hall as well as a container for your loose change/dollars. Thank You!

Our coffee/cookie sign-up list is almost complete. We still need someone to serve on May 28. Thank you to everyone who serves.

A baby shower celebrating Derek & Kaitlyn Christensen as they prepare to welcome Baby Christensen will be held at the church on Saturday, April 1st, at 10:30 AM. Please RSVP to Jill Christensen (jill.christensen10@gmail.com or 605-212-4093) by March 19th if you plan to attend.

A Part-time Executive Director is needed for the new Love, In the Name of Christ affiliate in greater Lennox. 20 hours/week moving toward full-time within a year. Check out www.LoveINC.org for ministry information. Contact 605-647-2731 or email PastorMarcdeWaard@gmail.com to send your resume.

On Saturday, March 25, from 8:30–11:30 AM, come to Empower Campus, 1915 E. 8th Street, Sioux Falls to hear testimonies of former Hindus, Muslims, and Buddhists who are now Jesus-followers. Learn about outreach and enjoy ethnic treats. Contact Rev. Fred Wilgenburg with questions at (605)376-6330, sfnewroots@gmail.com New Roots Ministry, Sioux Falls.

Hope Haven will host their Annual Benefit Auction on Friday, March 31, at Te Slaa Trucking in Hull, IA (corner of Hwys 75 & 18). Help support individuals with disabilities through an evening of fun and fellowship. The schedule: 4:30 pm doors open, 5 pm food booth opens, and 5:30 pm choose from over 450 items in the live auction. Visit hopehaven.org/events to see a preview catalog of selected items. The whole family is invited to this community fundraiser.

Summer camp brochures for Inspiration Hills are available on the table below the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. Online registration is open with discounted rates through April 15. There are a variety of day and overnight camps available. You may pick up and complete a green form for assistance with your registration fee.

Last Sunday we received \$2,844 for the general fund (\$3,268 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget).

Contact Tonya Zimmer or Kent DeJong if you would like to give offerings by automatic bank withdrawals.

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: Gary & Linda Klock

Coffee: Jerry & Mary Schilling and Brad & Beverly Winterboer

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

9:30 AM – Worship

10:25 AM – Sunday School Classes and “Little Lambs” Choir

10:30 AM – Fellowship/Coffee Time

10:45 AM – Adult Sunday School in the sanctuary

THIS WEEK:

Monday – April newsletter information due in the office

Tuesday – “Sewing for Others” at 1:00 PM

Wednesday – 6th-8th 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; Music – Youth, Diana Smit, Jeanette Ulmer; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Pastor Harlan & Verlainne Hayunga; Coffee/Cookie Servers – David & Margaret Rupert; Sunday School Classes and “Little Lambs” choir at 10:25 AM; Fellowship and Coffee at 10:30 AM; Adult Sunday School in the sanctuary at 10:45 AM

PRAYERS:

We are beginning a concentrated time of church-wide prayer. Each week we will focus on a shared subject for daily prayers. The list of prayer topics has been sent by email; printed topics may be picked up by our mailboxes. This week we will pray for members of our church who have not attended recently.

Prayers are requested for former pastor, Rev. Ken Westrate, who has bladder cancer. His email is klw46408@yahoo.com. Correspondence may be sent to: Rockford Reformed Church
4890 11 Mile Rd NE
Rockford, MI 49341

Prayers are requested for Helen Groen who had emergency surgery while visiting her brother in Florida.

Glorify God

Renew Through Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth

THE OLD LIFE IS GONE,
a new life
has begun!
2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

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