

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

9:30 AM

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Beverly Winterboer*

For Praise:

✠Songs of Praise #213 “Because He Lives”
#411 “The Joy of the Lord”

✠Prayer of Confession

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 – *Nicole Winterboer*

For Reflection:

Children’s Message

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

Response Psalm – Psalm 85:8-13 (page 924)

New Testament Lesson – Luke 8:40-42, 49-56 (page 1607-1608)

Message: **“Marked by Mercy”**

Prayer of Commitment

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

✠Hymn #201 “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness and strengthen us to face our mortality, that we may reach with confidence for your mercy in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Church Family Ties

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

✠Benediction

✠Closing Song #206 “There Is a Redeemer”

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, memorial, or building funds. Undesignated gifts go to general fund.

Children in preschool-4th grade may go to the Family Life Center for “Little Lambs” Choir and Sunday School during the closing song. Classes end at 11:15 AM.

A Sunday School class for youth and adults is meeting during the Lenten season at 10:45 in the sanctuary using a video/discussion series on Max Lucado’s “He Chose the Nails.” A companion book is available in our library.

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

We are invited to a hymn sing at Chancellor Reformed on Sunday evening, March 30, at 6:00 PM.

We will partner with the Lennox Ministerial Association to host “Christ in the Passover: A Presentation” on Palm Sunday, April 13, at 5:00 PM here at Second Reformed. The presentation from Jews for Jesus will demonstrate the link between the Jewish feast of Passover and the last supper Jesus shared with His disciples. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

A huge thank you to all who thought about us while we were sick. I am much better – Eugene has to do dialysis 3 times a week – so a big thank you for phone calls, cards, visits, food. Friends are awesome and are there for you. Thank you all again and it is so wonderful to be a small part in Second Reformed – to have Pastor Harlan & Verlainne around is great! Thanks again.
Dale & Eugene Dannen

The Brave Little One Foundation is looking for volunteers to make an impact through Pruitt’s Closet, a project dedicated to modifying/ sewing clothing to be accessible for children with feeding tubes. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please reach out to Jordan Kruse via email at bravelittleonefoundation@gmail.com or via text at 605-799-6479. Thank you for considering this opportunity. We hope to hear from you!

Sunshine Foods/Lennox Lions Blood Drive, will be Friday, April 4th, from 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon and from 1:30-4:00 PM at Sunshine in Lennox. Appointments may be scheduled at www.cbblifeblood.org, select “Events,” April 4 & Sunshine foods, or call 605-331-3222.

Hope Haven’s Annual Benefit Auction will be held Friday, April 4, at Te Slaa Trucking in Hull, Iowa. Doors open at 5:00 PM with a silent auction, followed by a live auction at 5:30 PM. Plus, the Sponsor A Wheelchair Auction supports individuals with disabilities in developing countries, giving them the gift of mobility and independence. Visit hopehaven.org to browse the catalog.

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.

Love INC will hold Volunteer Training on Tuesday, April 8, from 5:30-8:00 PM at their office at Faith Presbyterian in Lennox. If you are interested in attending, please call 605-681-6550 or email MichellePLovelinc@gmail.com.

In celebration of 50 years of ministry at Inspiration Hills, this year's summer camp theme is based on Hebrews 13:8 "Christ is the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever!" Inspiration Hills offers a variety of camps for kids from 1st-12th grade. Learn more and register online at inspirationhills.org. Blue fee assistance forms are available by our mailboxes.

Last week we received \$3,060 for general fund (\$3,307 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget).

Contact Kent DeJong, Jerod Zimmer, or Shellene Smidt 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: Diana Smit

Greeters: Brad & Teresa Smidt

Coffee: Chad & Erin Reilly and Derek & Emily Sitter

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

9:30 AM – Worship Service

10:25 AM – Little Lambs Choir and Preschool-4th Grade Sunday School

10:30 AM – Coffee/Fellowship Time

10:45 AM – 5th-8th Grade and Youth/Adult Sunday School

11:15 AM – Sunday School classes dismiss

4:00 PM – Inquirer's Class

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday – 6th-8th Grade Youth at 7:40 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; Music – Helen Groen; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Brian & Shellene Smidt; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Paul & Laurie Kruse and Chris & Jordan Kruse; Little Lambs Choir and Preschool-4th Grade Sunday School at 10:25 AM; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM; Philathea Guild meeting at 10:40 AM in the Coffee Side Room; 5th-8th Grade and Youth/Adult Sunday School at 10:45 AM; Sunday School classes end at 11:15 AM

PRAYERS:

A new prayer letter from the mission family we support in Europe is available by our mailboxes. Pray for spiritual strengthening of the church and for unity of spirit among the new gathering of believers and not-yet-believers.

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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