

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 2025

9:30 AM

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Kim Geiken*

For Praise:

✠Songs of Praise #195 “Nothing But the Blood”
#72 “We Will Glorify”

✠Prayer of Confession

In your mercy, O God, grant us sorrow over the sin in our life. We have done wrong, and failed to do good. We have followed our own hearts’ desire. The battle of good and evil rages within and without. Our ancient foe tempts us with deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word. And when we fall raise us and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 12:1-3 (page 17) – *Doyle Christensen*

New Testament Lesson – John 3:1-16 (pages 1649-1650)

Introduction to Message – *Video*

Message: **“Born from Above”**

Prayer of Commitment

✠Hymn #338 “At Calvary”

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

Perfect Light of revelation, as you shone in the life of Jesus, whose Epiphany we celebrate, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Amen.

Church Family Ties – *Kim Geiken*

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

✠Benediction

✠Closing Song #191 “There Is Power in 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.

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. Grades 5-8 will meet at 10:45 AM in room 14 upstairs. All classes end at 11:15 AM.

Come to our Soup & Pie Supper from 5:00-7:00 PM today. You may dine-in or take your meal to-go. This is a fundraiser for the youth. Thank you for all the donations.

We are updating the “Caring Cooks” groups. If you would like to participate, sign-up in the fellowship hall. The goal of the “Caring Cooks” is to provide meals to people in their time of need, recovery from surgery, illness, death, or to celebrate a joy such as the birth of a baby. If you have questions talk to Patty Sinning or Susan Bultena.

“Love on Love INC Month” is celebrated in February. We have joined other partnering churches in a bulletin board fundraiser with envelopes marked from \$1-\$25. Please choose a white envelope and fill it with the amount on the envelope. Then place your filled white envelope in the manilla envelope. Any other donations of any amount may also be placed in the manilla envelope.

March newsletters have been sent by email. Printed newsletters are available on the table beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship phall.

We will hold an Ash Wednesday service on March 5 at 7:00 PM with the Lord’s Supper and imposition of ashes.

An inquirer’s class for anyone interested in church membership will be held on the Sundays of March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30. Topics will include: Belonging to the Church; God’s Word; Baptism; The Lord’s Supper; Walking as a Christian Witness. The class will meet at 4:00 PM each Sunday. For additional information, contact Pastor Harlan.

A Sunday School class for youth and adults will meet during the Lenten season using a video/discussion series on Max Lucado’s “He Chose the Nails.” The first session will be Sunday, March 9, at 10:45 AM.

Sign-up in the fellowship hall to attend the musical “The Passion and the Cross” at the Orpheum Theater in Sioux Falls on Friday, April 11, at 7:00 PM as a church group. Tickets are \$20. Contact Keith Lefers with questions.

Thank you so much for all the wonderful items you gave to the Exchange Food Pantry. They are already in place on the shelves for families to take home. Thank you for caring and sharing with others. *The Exchange*

World Day of Prayer at Lennox Ebenezer will be Saturday, March 8. Coffee is served at 9:30 and the prayer service begins at 10:00 AM.

Living Stone Prison Church & Freedom’s Gate Church are holding a banquet on Thursday, March 20, at 6:30 PM at Bethany Reformed Church in Canton. The evening includes a meal, entertainment, fellowship, ministry updates, and testimonies from former inmates. RSVP to 605-366-3624.

If school is cancelled or dismissed early due to weather, there will be no evening activities at the church.

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.

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 \$1,796 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: Hadley & Lynn Plucker

Coffee: Helen Groen, Linda Olmstead, and Lois Klinger

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 Sunday School

11:15 AM – Sunday School classes dismiss

5:00-7:00 PM – Soup & Pie Supper

THIS WEEK:

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

Wednesday – Youth go to "Kids Against Hunger"

leave from First English Lutheran at 6:30 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 – David & Margaret Rupert; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Jerry & Connie Dahlgard and Jerod & Tonya Zimmer; Little Lambs Choir and Preschool-4th Grade Sunday School at 10:25 AM; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM; 5th-8th Grade Sunday School at 10:45 AM; Sunday School classes end at 11:15 AM; Inquirer's Class at 4:00 PM

PRAYERS:

Pray for all those facing health challenges and for those who care for them.

Glorify God

Renew Through Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth

Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

– John 3:3

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