

WORSHIP SERVICE

February 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Lent

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1-2

It is good to praise the Lord

And to make music to your name, O Most High,

To proclaim your love in the morning

And your faithfulness at night.

* Opening Song: Here I Am to Worship"

Lift Up Your Hearts #567

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

* Prayer of Confession:

What we believe about worshipping God alone: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 94 & 95

What does the Lord require in the first commandment - to have no other gods besides him?

That I, not wanting to endanger my own salvation, avoid and shun all idolatry, magic, superstitious rites, and prayer to saints or to other creatures. That I rightly know the only true God, trust him alone, and look to God for every good thing humbly and patiently, and love, fear, and honor God with all my heart. In short, that I give up anything rather than go against God's will in any way.

What is idolatry?

Idolatry is having or inventing something in which one trusts in place of or alongside of the only true God, who has revealed himself in his Word.

* Prayer of Confession: (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-110)

Dear Father, you know how divided the loyalties of our hearts can be at times. "Show us your grace and mercy according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."

* Assurance of Pardon: (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 86)

"Jesus, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Jesus."

* Prayer of commitment: "In Christ Alone"

Lift Up Your Hearts #770

In Christ alone my hope is found;

He is my light, my strength, my song;

This cornerstone, this solid ground,

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all—

Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,

Fullness of God in helpless babe!

This gift of love and righteousness,

Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on the cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no human plan,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Children's Message
Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:36-38, Hosea 4:12-13

Matthew 22:36-38

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.

Hosea 4:12-13

¹² My people consult a wooden idol, and a diviner's rod speaks to them.

A spirit of prostitution leads them astray; they are unfaithful to their God.

¹³ They sacrifice on the mountaintops and burn offerings on the hills,
under oak, poplar and terebinth, where the shade is pleasant.

Therefore your daughters turn to prostitution and your daughters-in-law to adultery.

Message: Gods of America - Designer Religions

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Prayer of application

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

* Song of Response: "The Church's One Foundation"

Lift Up Your Hearts #251 (vs. 1,2,4)

The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is His new creation, by water and the Word;
from heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Tho' with a scornful wonder, the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song : "O God You Are My God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #743

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days (Repeat)

* Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rev. Randy Raak

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Musicians: Andrew Friend, Holly and Randy Raak

Today's Activities

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:50 a.m. Sunday School

6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion: Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for believers. If you are sorry for your sins and follow Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you are invited to come to his table. Through this celebration, we remember that:

- a. The Lord's Supper is a thanksgiving to God.
- b. The Lord's Supper is a memorial of Christ.
- c. The Lord's Supper is a participation in the body and the blood of Christ.
- d. The Lord's Supper signifies the work of the Spirit.
- e. The Lord's Supper seals the present and coming kingdom of God.

Women's Conference June 15-18 - Christina is attending the Gospel Coalition's Women's Conference in Indianapolis from **June 15-18** and would love to have others come with. The theme of the conference is "Remember Your Joy." The Endowment Committee has approved a request to pay for 2/3 of the cost of the conference for up to 6 women. If you are interested, please reach out to Christina (christina.helpers@gmail.com). More information on the conference can be found at www.thegospelcoalition.org/tgcw22.

Suggestions for Council - Forms for suggestions for new Council members are on the table outside the office. Please take one and prayerfully consider your nominations for those opening spots on the council. Forms are due March 6th or sooner.

Congregational meeting March 20. After the morning service on 3/20 we will have a brief congregational meeting to vote on calling Rev. Lora Copley as the Areopagus Campus Minister. Since Lora is ordained, and every minister in the CRC is accountable to a congregation and their council, she will need a church to hold her ministerial credentials. The Areopagus Board has voted to offer the position to her, and Classis North Central Iowa has approved extending a call to her, it is now up to us at Trinity to follow up with this final step. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Randy or any council member. A copy of her resume is available upon request from Pastor Randy or the church office.

Family to Family - The Outreach Committee is putting on a Family2Family sale (basically an indoor garage sale of kids items). We will have booths set-up in the Fellowship Hall and hallway for people to rent (\$7-12/booth). As you do spring cleaning and organize your kids' things, consider renting a booth to sell your items. TCRC attenders and their friends will have first dibs at renting tables, before we open it up to the public. Watch our Facebook page on how to register. Flyers on the table with the weekly bulletin. If you have questions, feel free to talk to Christina or Tina.

Sunday School Spring Schedule - There will be no Sunday School class **March 16th** due to Spring Break and **April 17** due to Easter. The Children will be a part of the service on April 10th, the plan is for them to sing at the beginning of the service. The last day of Sunday School will be **May 1st**.

Education Committee Members- The Education Committee is looking for an additional member or two. If you are interested, please contact Rachel DeBruin.

Nursery Help - If you are interested in helping with nursery on Sunday mornings, please contact Pam Whitney to let her know your availability.

Children's Sermon - If you would like to help during the service on Sunday with the children's message, please contact Pam Whitney to let her know her availability.

Annual Day of Prayer - Synod has designated the second **Wednesday in March (March 9, 2022)** as the Annual Day of Prayer. All CRC congregations are requested to take this opportunity to ask for God's blessing upon the world, our nations and communities, crops and industry, and the church worldwide.

February 2022 prayer letter from the Groenewold Van Dyks - In light of the current situation in Ukraine, we are sending two prayer letters: the first is our "official" February prayer letter, and the second is a follow-up with more specific prayer requests.

<https://mailchi.mp/050210f83a8b/february-2022-prayer-letter-lcc-and-ukraine>

<https://mailchi.mp/472871d07e93/lcc-and-ukraine-follow-up-and-specific-prayer-requests>

SMALL GROUPS & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Breakfast Club meets on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** at the Lincoln Center HyVee at **8:30 AM**.

Sunday Evening Bible Study - The Sunday Evening Bible Study will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to discuss chapter two of "Angels: What the Bible Teaches, What You Need to Know" by Andrew J. Bandstra. New members are welcome.

UFO - Meets on the Third Monday of each month

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Good News. Bad News. - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Have you ever been upset by something in the news? Jesus assures us, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33b). God's good news still overcomes all the bad news. Listen now at kidscorner.net and take a look at all the new content.

Groundwork: Why Jesus Had to Die on a Cross - We begin the season of Lent by slowing down and remembering why Jesus Christ's awful death was necessary. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 3:14-15, Romans 5:12-17, Isaiah 10:1-3, Habakkuk 1:2-4, and Jeremiah 31:31-34 to reflect on scriptures that answer the question: "Why did Jesus have to die on a cross?" Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

Shine Christ's Light in Communities Impacted by Disasters - Often after the initial rush of prayers and support, communities impacted by disaster struggle with feeling forgotten. Through God's grace, World Renew Disaster Response Services volunteers have helped over 175,000 hurricane, flood, tornado and wildfire survivors repair their homes and find hope again. Next week, join World Renew to learn how through your offering you can help shine Christ's light in communities struggling with the darkness of the despair that so often follows a disaster. For more information go to: worldrenew.net/drs

Calvin Theological Seminary

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation - (May 23 – June 4, 2022) Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

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