

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

March 2, 2008

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*Let the first note of the prelude be a call for  
personal meditation in preparation for worship*

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE      My Song is Love Unknown      Dale Wood, USA

INTROIT      David Plüss, Switzerland

You alone are God who rules throughout the world and time;  
We worship you, we honor you, with joy and thanks sublime.  
—Martin Rüd, Switzerland

VOTUM

SENTENCES *(responsively)*

Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;  
approach our God, who is full of mercy.  
**We will praise God with all our heart  
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE    *Hymns, Songs & Spiritual Songs* 466  
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing      Tune: AZMON

\*PRAYER *(responsively)*

From Bethlehem to Nazareth,  
from Jordan to Jericho,  
from Bethany to Jerusalem,  
from then to now,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**  
To heal the sick,  
to mend the brokenhearted,  
to comfort the disturbed  
to disturb the comfortable,  
to cleanse the temple,  
to liberate faith from convention,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**  
To carry the cross,  
to lead the way,  
to shoulder the sin of the world  
and take it away,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**  
Today,  
to this place,  
to us,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

\*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
*(congregation may exchange the Peace)*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsively)*

Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.  
**O Christ, give us your light that we may awaken to your truth.**  
*silent prayer*

Walk as children of light  
as you pursue what is good, right, and true.

**O Christ, give us your light that we may awaken to your truth.**

*silent prayer*

Take no part in works of darkness, but try to learn what is pleasing to God.

**O Christ, give us your light that we may awaken to your truth.**

*silent prayer*

KYRIE *Sing! A New Creation* 54

Kyrie. **Kyrie.** Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christe. **Christe.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie! **Kyrie.** Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Kyrie, **Kyrie,** eleison. **eleison.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 68

Your Mercy Flows

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

YOUTH CHOIR CHIMES

Words and music by Bob Kilpatrick

In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

CHILDREN'S GATHERING AND DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

## THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 23

*Sing! A New Creation* 181

This is the Word of the

Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: John 9:1-41

p. 102

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

Tune: OPEN MY EYES

SERMON

“The Danger of Seeing”

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 579 Gloria Patri

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Jesus, I Will Ponder Now setting by Paul Manz, USA

ANTHEM

J.S. Bach, Germany

The Lord my faithful shepherd is, and me he safely guideth,  
I shall not want for I am his who all things good provideth.  
I follow him, I hear his voice, in him my Lord do I rejoice:  
Blest am I in his keeping.

Thy grace and mercy all my days be with me, failing never,  
And I shall dwell and sing thy praise within God's house forever.  
In Christian love I now reside, and after death in heaven abide  
With Christ, my Lord and Savior.

—Psalm 23, from Bach's Cantata 112

\*DOXOLOGY *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 592

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 339

Be Thou My Vision

Tune: SLANE

\*SUNG BENEDICTION

Chilean folksong, arr. by John L. Bell, Scotland

*(sung twice by choir and congregation)*

**Sent by the Lord am I; my hands are ready now  
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.**

**Sent by the Lord am I; my hands are ready now  
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.**

**The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain**

**into a world of love, of justice and of peace.**

**The task is mine to do, to set it really free.**

**Oh, help me to obey; help me to do your will.**

—Jorge Maldonado, Ecuador

+Latecomers will be seated.

\*Those who are able may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kama Jongerius, preaching; David Ryder, liturgist; Valerie Burke, Kurt, Emily, Alex, and Brian Knowles, Zoe and Hava Jongerius Zuidema, Mark and Janna Reynoso, readers; Dale Dykema, prayer for illumination; Youth Choir; Mary Van Voorst, director; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.*

## **TODAY**

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another.

Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Carol Cox and Mike Van Doornik will be available to pray with you following today's worship services. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters – (8:30) Carl and Carolyn Stegink; (11:00) Jon and Dee Bechtel, Austin and Janet Rund, Carl and Barb Folkert; Ushers – Morrie and Barb Peterson; Deacons – (8:30) Kim McDonough, Steve Bulthuis; (11:00) Karin Ashcroft, Habeeb Awad, John Ruiter, Linda Jacobs; Refreshment Servers – Rob and Lisa Walcott.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Mary De Young.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:40-10:40 a.m., nursery care available

3 year olds	nursery	4 & 5 year olds	room 15
Kindergarten & 1 <sup>st</sup>	room 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	room 8
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	room 9	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	room 10
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	room 7	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	room 11

There will be no Sunday School classes next Sunday, March 9.

HIGH SCHOOL/ADULT CLASS, 9:40-10:40 a.m., Nooma Video Series, Youth Room.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40 a.m., "Our Song of Hope" led by Gene Heideman in the chapel. There will be no Adult Education class next Sunday, March 9.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be ushered from the sanctuary during the worship service to continue worship in the Worship Centers on the lower level.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **SUNDAY**

8:00 a.m.	Matins Choir
9:00 a.m.	Nominating Committee
9:40 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Children's Choir
4:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir

TUESDAY	6:00 p.m.	L.I.F.T. Groups
	9:15 a.m.	Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Saints
	8:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Prayers
	4:45 p.m.	Christian Education Committee
	5:50 p.m.	TASC Dinner
	6:45 p.m.	TASC Classes
	6:45 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group
	6:45 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Moms of Young Children
	7:00 p.m.	Special Education Ministry
FRIDAY	10:00 a.m.	Women's Prayer Group

### PERSONAL

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found in the Friendship Folders. Place the requests in the offering plate or prayer box at the back of the sanctuary. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Lois Van Oosterhout is at Hospice House, and Marian Vande Bunte is at The Inn. Lakeside Vista – Bob Brinks, Tina Greve, Rosey Maatman; Heartland of Holland – Elizabeth Bennett, Bernice Lievens. Eileen Mooney is at Countryside Care Center, 120 Baseline Rd., South Haven, MI 49090. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget, Joel Zuidema.

### GENERAL ITEMS

#### ORDER EASTER LILIES

Last day to order lilies will be Sunday, March 16

No. of plants \_\_\_\_\_ \$6.00 each Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up my lily after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

I am unable to pick up my lily; please deliver it to a shut-in.

HELP! Each year about 25 beautiful lilies remain in the sanctuary after the 11:00 a.m. worship service waiting to be shared with a member of our church who is not able to participate in the glorious Easter Day worship service. Help is needed to pick up several of these lilies and deliver them later Easter Day. If you are able to help in this joyous ministry please sign up on the line below or call the church office, 392-1459, so plans can be made. Dee Bechtel will have the names, cards, and instructions ready for you in the sanctuary following the second service. Thank you for caring and sharing.

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BLOOD PRESSURE: You will have the chance to have your blood pressure checked next Sunday, March 9 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins next Sunday, March 9. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour.

Consistory, at its February meeting asked John Nordstrom to act as our Senior Pastor until Kent Fry arrives May 12. John has accepted the invitation and will post his office hours when he returns from Florida in mid-March. We will continue to have guest preachers until Rev. Fry arrives.

Be sure to pick up your copy of this week's "Taking Faith Home" bulletin. They can be found at the West entrance to the sanctuary and on the literature table in the Gathering Place.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT: March 7-9, at Timberwolf Lake Resort. Today is the last day to sign up. We hope you'll join us. We have a great group going and a lot of fun planned. Also, if anyone hasn't paid, you can bring your money to the church office this week. See you there.

BOOK CLUB AT THE RETREAT: Mark Hiskes will be holding a book discussion Saturday at the retreat. The book is called "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. The book is about some of the tragedies of WWII. If you would like to borrow a copy of this book see Peg Van Grouw in the church office today or come to the office during the week to get your copy.

THE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES welcomes all Third Reformed Church women to join them for the Wednesday, March 19 Lenten Brunch. Brunch will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by a program of stained glass sermons, given by circle members. Names of participants should be given to circle chairs or the church office by Monday, March 17.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES continues this Wednesday, March 5 at 12:10 p.m. at Pillar Church (corner of 9<sup>th</sup> St. and College Ave.). On the Campaign Road with Jesus: "You have heard it said, but I say to you... About Revenge and Response" led by Rev. Gordon Wiersma of Hope Church. Following the service, a soup and bread lunch will be served.

LEGOS FOR AFRICA: Donations of new or used lego pieces are needed for our TASC service project on March 12. A collection bin is located in the Gathering Place.

HELP IS NEEDED at the Community Kitchen on Mondays to serve pizza from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are able to help with this please call the church office at 392-1459.

#### **THE CHURCH STAFF**

Interim Pastor	Richard Bates
Minister of Congregational Life	Kama Jongerius
Calling Pastor	William Unzicker*
Coordinator of Congregational Care	Delores Bechtel*
Minister of Music	Linda K. Strouf*
Director of Children's Ministries	Marcia Floding*
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Young Disciples Director	Michelle Millen*
Seminary Intern	Mark Reynoso, David Ryder*
Children's Choir Director	Mary Van Voorst*
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\*indicates part time staff

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for Mexico and Venezuela

Lance and Elizabeth Edwards, Mozambique

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Jan Benningfield (9)  
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