

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 4, 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

Aria (Bist du bei mir)

J.S. Bach

VOTUM

SENTENCES (*responsively*)

Let us worship the eternal God,  
the source of love and life who creates us.

**Let us worship Jesus Christ,  
the risen one, who lives among us.**

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

**To the one true God be praise in all times and places,  
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 115

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Tune: ST. KEVIN

\*INVOCATION

\*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(congregation may exchange the Peace)*

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsively*)

For the times we have lied to one another  
and the times we have been lied to,

**heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

For the times we have laughed at another's pain  
and the times we have been laughed at,

**heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

For the times we have spoken when we should have remained silent  
and the times we have remained silent when we should have spoken,

**heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

For the times we have not respected another's freedom  
to be different from us,

**heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

For the times we have betrayed a friend  
and the times we have been betrayed,

**heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

**O God of heaven and earth,  
you emptied yourself of your power  
and became a helpless baby**

**in order that you might heal the sick world.**

**Teach us to empty ourselves of the things  
that destroy us and keep us alone.**

**Empty us of our jealousy,**

**of our meanness,**

**of our fear of others.**

**For Jesus' sake. Amen.**

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 68

Your Mercy Flows

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

CHILDREN'S GATHERING AND DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

**THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 1:1-11

p. 118

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: John 17:1-11

p. 111

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 147

Blessing and Honor

Tune: O QUANTA QUALIA

SERMON

“Blessed to be a Witness”

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

**THE RESPONSE TO GOD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 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

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Flute Solo

Thomas Arne

ANTHEM

David Ogden

Go forth and tell! O Church of God awake!

God's saving news to all the nations take;  
Proclaim Christ Jesus, Savior Lord and King,  
That all the world his worthy praise may sing.  
Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;  
He will in grace respond to all who call:  
How shall they call if they have never heard  
The gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies;  
In wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:  
Give us, O Lord, concern for heart and mind,  
A love like yours which cares for humankind.

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:  
Share God's good gifts, let no one be denied;  
Live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,  
Your ransomed power for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O Church of God arise!  
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies.  
Go till all nations his great name adore  
And serve him, Lord and King for evermore. Amen.  
—James Seddon

\*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 *Sing! A New Creation* 154

God Has Gone Up with Shouts of Joy! Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Allegro

Johann Gottfried Walther

+Latecomers will be seated.

\*Those who are able may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Kate Davelaar, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, Rev. John Nordstrom, liturgists;  
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.

We welcome Kate Davelaar as our guest preacher today. She is a member of Third Reformed Church and a senior at Western Theological Seminary. Kate will be working for the next year as a Chaplain at Hope College.

The flowers at the chancel today are given in loving memory of and gratitude for the life of our son and brother, Tommy, by Roger and Evelyn Rietberg, Jon, Robbi, and Amy.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Bill and Carol Doezema 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) – Karla Duryee, JoAnn Bremer; (11:00) – Dale Dykema, Carol Cox, Phyllis Graham, Alma Holkeboer, Tom, Cheryl, Lindsay, Brittany, Chelsey Ter Haar; Ushers – Peg Van Grouw, Katherine Hunsberger; Deacons – (8:30) Kim McDonough, Steve Bulthuis; (11:00) Jeff Voskuil, Laura Halsey, Bekah Schipper, Tom Ten Hoeve; Refreshment Servers – Bill, Kirsten, Bethany, and Brent Paarlberg.

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

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

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

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40 a.m., “Key Moments in the Acts of the Apostles” led by Robert Van Voorst in the chapel.

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.

**VESPER SERVICE**  
6:00 p.m. in the chapel

“Building Bridges by Faith”

Worship Leader: Benjamin Kamphuis

**THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY**

8:00 a.m.	Matins Choir
9:15 a.m.	Youth Choir
9:40 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Children’s Choir
4:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir
6:00 p.m.	Vesper Service

**MONDAY**

8:30 a.m.	Gifts & Memorials Committee
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TUESDAY	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
FRIDAY	7:00 a.m.	S & A Ministry 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.

SYMPATHY is extended to Amy, Ethan, and Ramona Cronkite in the death of Amy's father, Matt Young, on April 19 in Spring Lake.

SYMPATHY is extended to Laura-Lee Pike in the death of her brother, Horace Hopkins, on April 23 in Puyallup, Washington.

SYMPATHY is extended to Ruth Sill in the death of her father, Dr. Eugene Sevensma, on April 24 in Grand Rapids.

SYMPATHY is extended to Mark and Lynne Bonnette in the death of Mark's mother, Henrietta Bonnette, on April 27.

CONGRATULATIONS to Howard Kooiker whose 90<sup>th</sup> birthday is Thursday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Spectrum Butterworth Hospital – Andy Lampen. Lynne Ihrman has returned home from Resthaven Care Center. Resthaven Care Center – Arnolda Otting, Joe Otting, Helen Van Zanden, Ada Ver Hulst; Maplewoods – Vesta Speet; Oak Crest Manors – Alma Kuiper. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget.

### GENERAL ITEMS

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.

The Installation of Rev. Kent Fry as Senior Pastor at our church is scheduled for June 1 at 4:00 p.m. Lawful objections to this action may be filed with the clerk (or vice-president) by May 27.

BLOOD PRESSURE: You will have the chance to have your blood pressure checked next Sunday, May 11 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

SMILE! Or at least sit still for two minutes to have your photo taken for the new church pictorial directory in May. Sign-up sheets in the Gathering Place starting today!

CROP WALK: Our Dedication Sunday for all walkers to turn in their completed envelopes will be held May 18. Please turn in all envelopes whether or not you received contributions. In the event that you will not be present for Dedication Sunday, there will be a basket located in the office for your convenience.

GRADUATES: If you have a graduate (high school/college) in your family, please notify the church office, 392-1459, by May 15 so that we can recognize them in the June newsletter.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Summer services will begin on Sunday, May 25 with one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

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**THE CHURCH STAFF**

Minister of Congregational Life	Kama Jongerius
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Coordinator of Congregational Care	Delores Bechtel*
Minister of Music	Linda K. Strouf*
Director of Children's Ministries	Marcia Floding*
Youth Director	Nate Schipper
Young Disciples Director	Michelle Millen*
Seminary Interns	Mark Reynoso, David Ryder*
Children's Choir Director	Mary Van Voorst*
Secretaries	Kristen Beckner, Carol Ter Beek*
Custodian	Mark Faga
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Treasurer/Interim Administrator	Harvey J. Buter*
Recording Treasurer	Delwyn Van Dyke*
Archivist/Historian	Elton J. Bruins*
Minister of Music Emeritus	Roger J. Rietberg

\*indicates part time staff

**MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT**

Jaime Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico  
Martha Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico  
Roger De Young, Mission Stewardship and Coordinator  
for Mexico and Venezuela  
Ruth Estell, China  
Linn Gann, India  
IRM Community Development, Mozambique  
Wayne and Miho Jansen, Japan  
Rowland, Jr. and Jane Van Es, Kenya  
Nakajima/Ministry with Japanese People

**THE CONSISTORY**

PROGRAM ELDERS

Irwin Brink  
Lorna Cook  
Deb DuMez  
Greg Dykhouse

Mark Hiskes  
Kristen Johnson  
John Nordstrom  
Ed Stielstra

PARISH ELDERS

Kathy Miedema (1)  
Eleanor Van Dyke (2)  
Charles Hunt (3)  
Marilyn Norman (4)  
Sarah Unzicker (5)

Lynne Caskey (13)  
Milly Ten Brink (14)  
Bill Doezema (15)  
Scott Millen (16)  
Jeff Maatman (17)

Katherine Hunsberger (6)  
Anna Ritsema (7)  
Sherrill Ball (8)  
Jan Benningfield (9)  
Mike Van Doornik (10)  
Roger Rietberg (11)  
Wayne Westenbroek (12)

John Hoekstra (18)  
Elaine Tanis (19)  
(20)  
Phyllis Brown (21)  
Barb Moreau (22)  
Lucille Schroeder (23)  
Kate Bolt (24)

DEACONS

Karin Ashcroft  
Habeeb Awad  
Jeff Beird  
Lynne Bonnette  
Steve Bulthuis  
Rick Frens  
Laura Halsey  
Linda Jacobs

Kim McDonough  
Jay Mosterd  
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John Ruiten  
Bekah Schipper  
Tom Ten Hoeve  
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