

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
MORNING WORSHIP ~ February 8, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *“Fantasiesonata in c minor [JESU, MEINE FREUDE]”* Johannes Gijsbertus Bastiaans
I. Allegretto semplice II. Koraal-Recitatief
Fantasy on LOBE DEN HERREN (“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”) Aaron David Miller
Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LUYH #575:1-4**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship
Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
People: and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
People: and forget not all his benefits.
Pastor: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
People: Bless the LORD, O my soul! —Psalm 103:1-2, 22
*God’s Greeting
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Grace, mercy, and peace are yours, from God the Father Almighty,
from the Lord Jesus, and from the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen!

*Hymn of Praise: **“Ten Thousand Reasons” LUYH #559:1-3**

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
*The Passing of the Peace
God’s Will for Our Lives
Choral Song of Response: **“O Love”** George Matheson, arr. Elaine Hagenberg
*O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.*
*O Joy that seeks me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.*

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Matthew 18:10-14 (New Testament p. 24)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Sermon: **JESUS’ PARABLES IN MATTHEW: THE LOST SHEEP**

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Reading the Form (with *“Franklin Sanctus”*)
Distribution of the Elements
During the Passing of the Bread: **“The LORD, My Shepherd, Rules My Life” LUYH #732:1-5**
During the Passing of the Cup: Organ Meditation -
Variations on CRIMOND (“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”) Barbara Harbach
*Song of Response: **“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” LUYH #831:1-3**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People
Offertory: *“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL)”* Benjamin M. Culli
Offerings: (1) First CRC Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund; (2) Benevolent Fund

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” LUYH #831:4**
*Sending and Benediction
*Doxology: **“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” LUYH #946:3**
*Postlude: *HYFRYDOL (“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”)* Ralph Vaughan Williams
**indicates that those who are able are invited to stand*

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Organist: Carrie Groenewold
Adult Choir directed by Zach Bivens | Accompanist: Jessica Hummel | Cello: Brett Van Gelder

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EVENING WORSHIP ~ February 8, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: **“Across the Lands” LUYH #775:1-3**

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: Extol him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

People: Praise the LORD!

—Psalm 117:1-2

*God’s Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Grace, mercy, and peace are yours, from God the Father Almighty,
from the Lord Jesus, and from the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

WE SING GOD’S PRAISE

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 112 (Old Testament p. 692)

Singing the Psalm: **“How Blest Are Those Who Fear the LORD” PFAS #112A:1-4 (LUYH 301)**

Song of Praise: **“O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart’s Desire” LUYH #828:1-5**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Hebrews 7:23-28 (New Testament p. 269)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 6 (*What We Believe* Vol 1, p. 20)

Sermon: **WHO IS THIS MEDIATOR? OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

*Sermon Response: **“Christ, the Life of All the Living” LUYH #137:1-3**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: **“God Is For Us”**

Farren, Ferguson, Tranter, Reeves, Robinson, Tealy, Thompson

*1- We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night
We will walk the valley with You by our side
You will go before us, You will lead the way
We have found a refuge, only You can save*

*(Bridge) Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave His son to free us
Holds me in His love (Repeat)
(Chorus)*

*Chorus: Sing with joy now, our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now, no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us*

*2- Even when I stumble, even when I fall
Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure
You will not abandon, You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward with never-ending grace (Chorus)*

Offering: Zuni Christian School

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“We Receive Your Blessing” LUYH #947**

*Sending and Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

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*Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Organist: Leah Zuidema
Reader: Lisa Dykstra | Prayer Leader: Onsby Rose
Vocalists: Elijah Davelaar, James Geleynse, Noah Hummel, Jordan Raih,
Aubryn Sikkema, Zoe Sjoerdsma | Accompanist: Jessica Hummel*