

*FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT*  
**MORNING WORSHIP ~ March 15, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645* ("Sleepers, Wake, A Voice is Crying")

Paul Manz/Johann Sebastian Bach

*"What Wondrous Love is This"*

Eleanor Whitsett

Opening Song: **"Trisagion"**

Welcome

\*Hymn of Preparation: **"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" LUYH #477:1,2,4** (sung to LANCASHIRE)

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: The day of the Lord is coming! The day of the Lord is near!

**People: The time is fulfilled! The reign of God is at hand!**

Pastor: O people, repent! Believe in the gospel!

**People: Come, let us turn and follow the Lord!**

\*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: **"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" Grey Psalter Hymnal #613:1,2**  
(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

**GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF**

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: **"O Christ, the Lamb of God" LUYH #630**

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Our Lives

\*Song of Response: **"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" LUYH #478:1-3**

**GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13 (New Testament p. 34)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: *JESUS' PARABLES IN MATTHEW: THE TEN BRIDESMAIDS*

\*Song of Response: **"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" LUYH #119:1,2,3,5**

**WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

Prayers of the People

Offertory: *"Wondrous Love"*

Daniel Pinkham

Offerings: (1) First CRC Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund; (2) Denominational Pledge

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\*Hymn of Dedication: **"By the Sea of Crystal" LUYH #489:1-3**

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Doxology: **"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" LUYH #478:5**

\*Postlude: *"Saints in Glory Stand" from Partita on "By the Sea of Crystal"*

Larry Visser

*\* indicates that those who are able are invited to stand*

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe

Organist: Carrie Groenewold

Violin: Lisa Miedema

Cello: Aidan Kraft

**EVENING WORSHIP ~ March 15, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\*Song of Preparation: **“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” LUYH #582:1,3,4**

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

**People: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!**

Pastor: For he is our God,

**People: and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.**

—based on Psalm 95:6-7

\*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 23 (Old Testament p. 617)

Singing the Psalm: **“The Lord’s My Shepherd” PFAS #23F:1,2,refrain,3,refrain**

Song of Praise: **“The First Place” LUYH #15:1-2**

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Acts 4:1-22 (New Testament p. 147)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 11 (*What We Believe Vol. 1, p. 26*)

Sermon: **JESUS: THE PERFECT SAVIOR AND NO ONE ELSE**

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Response: **“We Are People on a Journey” LUYH #142:1,2,4**

**WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: **“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”**

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1- How deep the Father’s love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

2- Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

3- I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Offering: Crossroads Prison Ministries

**WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

\*Hymn of Dedication: **“God, the Father of Your People” LUYH #927:1-2**

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Moment of Meditation

\*Postlude

*\*indicates that those who are able are invited to stand*

*Worship Leader: Rev. Todd Zuidema | Organist: Leah Zuidema*

*Reader: Tracy Eekhoff | Prayer Leader: Sarah deRegt*

*Vocalists: Ana Timmer, Sarah deRegt, Katy Timmer, Alyssa Koelewyn | Accompanist: Tami Koelewyn*

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