

*THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER*  
**MORNING WORSHIP ~ April 19, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: *"Psalm 42"*  
*Toccata and Choral on "Thine Is The Glory"*

Henderick Speuy  
Willem van Twillert

Welcome

\*Hymn of Preparation: **"Thine Is the Glory" LUYH #187:1-3**

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**People: his love endures forever.**

Pastor: In our anguish we cried to the Lord,  
and he answered by setting us free.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**People: his love endures forever.**

Pastor: The LORD is our salvation and our song;  
he has become our salvation.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

**People: his love endures forever.**

Pastor: We will not die, but live,  
and will proclaim what the LORD has done,

**People: his love endures forever.**

—based on Psalm 118

\*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: **"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" The Sing! Hymnal #183:1-3**  
*(Young Children are invited to Children and Worship)*

**GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Our Lives

\*Hymn of Response: **"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" LUYH #257:1,2,6**

**GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Romans 1:1-15 (New Testament p. 184)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: *ROMANS: GREETINGS AND THANKSGIVING*

\*Song of Response: **"Christian Hearts in Love United" LUYH #727:1-3**

**WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

Prayers of the People

Offertory: *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

arr. David Cherwien

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

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\*Hymn of Dedication: **"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace" LUYH #938**

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Doxology: **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Psalter Hymnal #638**

\*Postlude: *"O Filii et Filiae (O Sons and Daughters of the King)"*

Pierre Dandrieu

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe  
Organist: Carrie Groenewold

**EVENING WORSHIP ~ April 19, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: *"The Day of Resurrection"*  
*"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"*  
*"Thine is the Glory"*

Wilbur Held  
Michael Burkhardt  
Charles Callahan

Welcome

\*Song of Preparation: **"Gather Us In" LUYH #529:1,2,4**

\*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the good news—  
the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news—  
the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never put it out.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news—  
once we were no people;  
now we are God's people.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: Christ is our peace,  
the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

**People: Hallelujah!**

\*God's Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Grace, mercy, and peace are ours, 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 116 (Old Testament p. 694)

Singing the Psalm: **"What Shall I Render to the LORD" PFAS #116B:1-5 (LUYH 871)**

Song of Praise: **"I Love You, Lord" SANC #16**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Romans 6 (New Testament p. 189)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 16 (*What We Believe Vol. 1, p. 31*)

Sermon: *FROM DEATH TO LIFE*

Prayer of Application

\*Sermon Response: **"Lift High the Cross" LUYH #264:1,2,4,7**

**WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: *"And Can It Be?" (Words similar to LUYH #695)*

Offering: Building and Mission Funds

Dan Forrest

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

\*Hymn of Dedication: **"Take My Life and Let It Be" LUYH #863:1,3,5,6**

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Moment of Meditation

\*Postlude: *"Toccata on O Worship the King"*

Michael Burkhardt

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*Worship Leader: Mr. Trevor Mouw | Elder of Service: Tim Klein*

*Organist: Emily Sybesma | Pianist: Alyssa Koelewyn*

*Reader: John Wesselius | Prayer Leader: Wes Kroeze*

*Vocalists (Shepherd Partners): Jim Bos, Calum Monroe, Daniel Finley, Levi Groenewold,*

*Cody Vander Berg, Kaden Klein, Mark Sjoerdsma, Colin Rose*

*Accompanist: Jennifer Monroe*