

## Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 24, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent love, the very bond of peace of all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Jesus, Lord and Precious Savior Paul Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)  
Listen to the stories of God,  
**passed down by the faithful from age to age.**  
Listen to the Son of God,  
**teaching us how to live, love and serve.**  
Listen to the voice of God,  
**proclaiming the broken world "beloved."**  
Listen and worship, People of God,  
**for God is here among us!**

GOD'S GREETING

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Lift Up Your Hearts* 509  
Come, Worship God Tune: O QUANTA QUALIA

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN CHRIST  
May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

INTRODUCTION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)  
**Jesus when you speak of what you expect from us,  
it seems too high. You command us to love our enemies  
to turn the other cheek, to give to the needs of others  
without expecting anything in return.**  
**Lord, who is able?**  
**Do you think ordinary people like us can meet such a high standard?**  
**Forgive us for when we forget how much you love us,  
how much you believe in us,  
how much you have done for us.**  
**Forgive us when we fail to remember  
that you are not only demanding but also forgiving.**  
**Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GRATFUL LIVING *Lift Up Your Hearts* 117 (vs. 3)  
Blest Are They Tune: BLEST ARE THEY

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO WORSHIP CENTER

SONG *Lift Up Your Hearts* 117 (vs. 4)  
Blest Are They Tune: BLEST ARE THEY

### HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 45:3-11, 15 p. 42  
This Is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 6:27-36 p. 64  
This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION *Lift Up Your Hearts* 850  
Commit Your Way to God the Lord Tune: ROCKINGHAM

SERMON "A God Sermon"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 107 (*responsively*)  
Is it enough then that we do not kill our neighbor in any such way?  
**No.**  
**By condemning envy, hatred, and anger  
God tells us**  
**to love our neighbor as ourselves,  
to be patient, peace-loving, gentle,  
merciful, and friendly to them,  
to protect them from harm as much as we can,  
and to do good even to our enemies.**

\*SONG *Lift Up Your Hearts* 707  
Goodness Is Stronger than Evil Tune: GOODNESS IS STRONGER

MOMENT FOR MISSION AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY Richard Shepherd  
Earth has many a noble city; Beth'hem, thou dost all excel;  
Out of thee the Lord from heaven came to rule his Israel.  
Fairer than the sun at morning was the star that told His birth,  
To the world its God announcing seen in fleshly form on earth.

Eastern sages at his cradle make oblations rich and rare;  
See them given, in deep devotion, gold and frankincense and myrrh.  
Sacred gifts of mystic meaning: incense doth their God disclose,  
Gold the King of kings proclaiming, myrrh His sepulcher foreshows.

Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshiped at thy glad Epiphany,  
Unto thee, with God, the Father, and the Spirit glory be.  
—Marcus Aurelius Prudentius (4th century) ; translated by Edward Caswall

\*DOXOLOGY *Lift Up Your Hearts* 965 Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER  
**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 *Lift Up Your Hearts* 925  
Go to the World Tune: ENGELBERG

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Paul Manz

+Latecomers will be seated. \*You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, Young Levites (11:00), liturgists;  
Dennis Gebben, prayer of illumination; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minister of  
Music.*

### CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

LIFT SPECIAL EVENT: THIS Wednesday, February 27, the children of LIFT will have a fun night at the Holland Aquatic Center. We will leave the Church after dinner (around 6:15) and will arrive back at church around 7:45. Children under the Second Grade must have a parent/adult with them. Other parents and family members are invited to join us (we will need help with driving). Suggested Donation for this event: \$4.00/Swimmer; \$10.00/Family Bring your bathing suit, a towel, and a friend and join us for a splashing good time!

LIFT TALENT AND HOBBY NIGHT IS COMING: On Wednesday, March 6 we will have our annual children's talent and hobby show. All children of our church are invited to participate. Talk to your child(ren) now about what they might enjoy sharing with their LIFT friends. Sign-up sheets are available on the Children and Youth table by the Northwest entrance. Please sign up by Monday, March 4 to participate in this special event.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS! This summer we are heading back to Camp Fowler for a week of work and adventure! We will be joining with four other churches to help accomplish some work projects at Camp Fowler and the neighboring area! Trip dates are June 22-29. If you are at all interested, please sign up in the Gathering Place to receive more information about the trip!

### LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

Sign up today in the Gathering Place.

**"Return to Me,"** A Lenten Devotional Guide by Terry W. York. This devotional guide for Lent is in conjunction with the choir music that will be sung by Third Church Choir on Maundy Thursday. Small Groups will take place on Sundays beginning March 10 and Thursdays beginning March 7.

### Sunday, Schedules for March 3 8:30 a.m.

Traditional worship with communion

### 11:00 a.m.

The Message for that morning led by  
**Northwestern College Drama  
Ministries Ensemble**  
"Sioux Center Sudan"  
by Jeff Barker

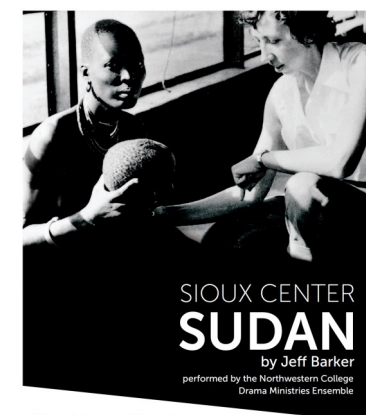
A play on the Life of Arlene Schuiteman, sister  
of Third Church member, Milly Ten Brink

and

### March 10

**8:30** No service (All Church Retreat)  
No education hour

**11:00 a.m.** service only



Third Reformed Church  
Sunday, March 3, 11 a.m.  
The performance will be followed  
by a book signing with the author

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## 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. Visitors please stop by the Welcome Center and then join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

The flowers at the chancel are today given by Al and Jane Osman.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Ella and Willis Weymon will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters/Juice Servers: Dave and Jody Vanderwel. Deacons: (8:30) Tim DuMez, Amy Lunn (11:00) Miriam Lopez-Koolhaas, Jim VanderMeer, Dan Callam, Scott Millen.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Andy & Jane Zoerman.

EDUCATION HOUR, 9:45-10:45 a.m.,

nursery care available

Preschool/Kindergarten room 15 1st & 2nd Grades room 6

3rd Grade room 10 4th & 5th Grades room 17

6th-8th grades room 11 Senior High Youth Room

TRC Singers & Children's Choir room 7

Sunday Morning Live Youth Room

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40

**Bible Study:** "The Presence of the Future-The Book of Revelation and the Life of Discipleship Today" Led by George Hunsberger & Pastor Kent Fry

**Spiritual Formation Class:** This class follows the lectionary passage of the day, according to "Seasons of the Spirit." Pastor Kama Jongerius, facilitator. Meet in the Centennial Room downstairs.

**Chapel Class:** "Clearing Up Misconceptions about Immigration" led by Kate Kooyman. Next week: "Reclaiming Jesus: The 'Justice Involved' (Incarcerated) Person" led by Daniel Rooks and Steve Orlow.

WORSHIP CENTER PROGRAM: During the 8:30 service, Worship Center will be provided on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. During the 11:00 service, there will be only one Worship Center open for all children, aged 4-2nd grade, provided each Sunday. It will take place in Room 2 (Previously the older Worship Center room).

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir

9:25 a.m. TRC Singers

9:45 a.m. Children's Choir

9:45 a.m. Adult Education Classes

9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Live

9:45 a.m. New Member Orientation

10:00 a.m. Children/Youth Education Classes

10:00 a.m. TRC Ringers

4:45 p.m. Carillon Choir

7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group

### Monday

7:00 p.m. Martha Bible Study at Beverley Rannow's

### Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:15 p.m. Christian Education Committee

### Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints

8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers

5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner

6:15 p.m. LIFT Children's Classes/Middle School Youth Group

6:20 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

6:30 p.m. Bilingual Bible Study and Prayer Group/LIFT Adult Classes

### Thursday

7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministries

### Friday

10:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

## Congregational News

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

Please remember to have someone notify the church office when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 392-1459.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital-Phyllis Mahy. Hospice Care-Frank Pettinga, Walter Thome. Maple Woods-Phyllis Mahy; The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Martha Beld, Mary Heideman, Eleanor Hoffman, Janet Rund, Mike Van Doornik. Missionaries-Linn G. (Asia), Malawi Children's Feeding Program, Lubna Younas (Asia).

THANK YOU to the congregation for supporting the Children's Sunday School Mission Project last week. The children raised over \$700 from their baked goods giveaway to support "Mobility Worldwide." "Mobility Worldwide" is a local non-profit charitable organization whose mission is to build and provide mobility carts for needy children in impoverished countries. "Mobility Worldwide" creates hand-powered carts to help children unable to walk due to birth defects, debilitating illnesses or injuries (often from land mines), to be mobile. Thank you for your gifts to this project and your support of the children's mission project.

On March 3, communion will be served at the 8:30 a.m. worship service only. The 11:00 a.m. service will center on the Northwestern College drama presentation.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT: We are having an all-church retreat on March 8-10, 2019. Sign up in the Gathering Place today. This is a great time to connect with each other outside at the dunes or inside playing games. We will be able to informally worship with live music, eat and relax together.

CHI RHO WOMEN: Join us on Sunday, March 3, at 3:00 p.m. for a concert of Sacred Music by the Evergreen Chorale, at First Reformed Church, 630 State St. We will meet in the gathering space at First Reformed.

HOST FAMILIES needed for Hope College international students coming from Japan in late March for four months. Hosting would involve two weekend stays and a "meet up" in other months. If you are interested, please contact Joyce Magee in the Gathering Place.

ASH WEDNESDAY: There will be an Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, March 6 at 12:10 p.m.. This is a joint service held, at Third Reformed Church, with St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church.

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