

Orange City Community Holy Week Announcements

•Good Friday, March 30

6:30 AM-7:45 AM Good Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast at Northwestern Rowenhorst Student Center. Cory Van Sloten is the speaker. Cory is a third generation veteran, he serves as the Chaplain for the 1st Squadron, 113th Cavalry Regiment, Iowa Army National Guard. Please join us for a time of food, fellowship, prayer and reflection in this holy season. To attend, please contact Kent Anderson or the church office for tickets.

12:10-12:50 PM Community Good Friday Service

at Immanuel Christian Reformed Church (organized by the Orange City Ministerial Association). The focus will be on the 5th Word from the Cross, "I thirst." Both a financial and non-perishable food offering will be received for the local Food Pantry.

Announcements

♦**Easter Lilies for Sale:** TODAY is the last day to purchase a lily from the ARC Middle School Youth Group. The cost per lily is \$20. Forms are available at the Welcome Center. Stop by after church to place your order!

♦**We are expanding our video team** to video the Sunday morning worship service! Training will be provided. If you are willing to assist or desire further information, please contact Paul Lambert (Lambert@orangecitycomm.net or 737-4597) ASAP!

♦Wednesday, April 4

2:00 PM Ruth Circle Meeting

Location: Landsmeer Ridge Private Dining Room
New Bible Series: ROMANS FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE
Lesson 1: Romans 1:1-17
Leader: Lynne Grossmann

♦F3 & MSYG Family Meal Night--Wednesday--April 4--5:30-6:30 PM

April 4 will be the last Family Meal this year (Fellowship Hall). We are planning to do a couple of the past favorites to end the year. Menu will be BBQ pork sandwich, taco in a bag, lettuce salad, fruit and cupcakes. As always, PB & J will be available. If anyone would like to help with serving please contact Sue Mulder, 395-0795 or email lsredlum@mtcnet.net. Thank you.

♦GRACE ROHRER'S ORDINATION

East Sioux Classis invites all ARC friends to attend Grace Rohrer's ordination to the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church in America. The ordination service will take place on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 PM in the ARC sanctuary. We're thrilled to celebrate Grace's call to ordained ministry. Grace serves as pastor of the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Northern Jersey in Livingston, New Jersey.

Praying for God's People

*ARC extends its congratulations to **George & Donna Kleinhesselink** on their 62nd wedding anniversary on Tuesday, April 3. Cards can be sent to one of the following addresses:

George Kleinhesselink

1007 7th St NE, Apt. 510, Orange City, IA 51041

Donna Kleinhesselink

2501 E 6th St, Apt 603, Sheldon, IA 51201

Participating in Worship

The Congregation

Sharon Bartlett

Pam Anderson, Doug De Zeeuw,

Marlene De Zeeuw, Bethany Dykstra, John Hubers,

Rebecca Koerselman, Destiny Wolbrink

Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman

Sanctuary Choir and Hands of Praise

Philip De Koster, Director

Alyssa Daun, Accompanist

Bethany Dykstra

Serving the Lord in Worship

Organist

Praise Team

Leading in Worship

Call to Worship

Children's Message



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THE APPROACH TO GOD

The congregation is invited to read the bold font.

**Indicates you may stand if you wish.*

PRELUDE “All Glory, Laud and Honor” Teschner

CALL TO WORSHIP “The King of Glory”
Hands of Praise, ARC Children
& Sanctuary Choir

*Please join the choir in singing
“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (#203; vs 1 & 3) when the words
appear on the screen.*

*SONG OF WORSHIP “Mighty to Save”

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God who saves—

**We confess that we hold tightly to a “bootstrap” mentality—
idolizing strength, ability, and hard work.**

The truth is that we want to be able to save ourselves.

**When the weight of our sin becomes a millstone-like burden,
we finally whisper, “Hosanna. Save us,”**

because we are ashamed that we need saving.

**Help us acknowledge that no amount
of strength, ability, or work is enough**

to carry the weight of sin or bear the burden of shame.

Help us acknowledge our need for a savior.

Help us not be ashamed to exclaim, “Hosanna. Save us!”

confident that you are strong enough. You are able enough.

You are hard at work reconciling and reclaiming the world.

In the name of Jesus, our Savior, we pray . . . amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS “What the Lord Has Done”

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*Children ages 3–1st grade may exit out the sanctuary doors
to meet Children & Worship leaders. Children are also welcome to re-
main with their families in worship. Worship bags are by the elevator.*

*SONG OF PREPARATION #95 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
vv. 1, 2, 4, & 5

SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:1-10

SERMON “If these stones could talk...turning stones into people”

PRAYER OF PURPOSE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom
come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today
our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who
sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us
from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours, now and forever. Amen.**

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.

OFFERTORY “O Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” Pachelbel
“O Lamb of God, Most Holy” Decius

*DOXOLOGY #809
Please stand when the organ begins playing.

THE JOURNEY FROM PALMS TO THE PASSION

There was no royal announcement—
no nation-wide celebration on the day you entered the world.
You came in a rough-hewn shed—
welcomed by the brays of colts and bleats of sheep.
Come again. Save us from ourselves.

There was no priestly initiation—
no religious ceremony on the day you entered into ministry.
You came baptized by a locust-eating prophet—
welcomed by leper and liar, blind and beggar, worn and weary.
Come again. Save us from ourselves.

There was no imperial welcome—
no military procession on the day you entered Jerusalem.
You came amid tattered cloaks and tender branches—
welcomed by hosanna-shouts and plotting stares.
Come again. Save us from ourselves.

There were no hosanna shouts—
no fearless followers on the week you entered the Passion.
You came carrying a cross, wearing a crown of thorns—
welcomed by cries of “Crucify him!”
Come again. Save us from ourselves.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #135 “Come Thou Long-Expected...”

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #135 “Come Thou Long-Expected...”
v. 1

*POSTLUDE “O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless” J.S. Bach
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Events for Today

10:30-10:45 AM

Coffee Fellowship in the gathering area behind the sanctuary.
Children & Worship Music Time (ages 3-1st grade) in Rm 111
NO Hands of Praise today!

10:45-11:30 AM

Discipleship Classes for Ages 3-12th Grades (Lower Level)

Discipleship Class for Adults

♦“Text to Turf: Bringing Today’s Sermon into My Week”

Dates: March 25; April 8, 15, 22, 29

Facilitator: Harold Heie

Location—Firsides Room #202

A discussion of the Sunday morning sermon, giving special
attention to the implications of the message for how we
should live our lives as agents for God’s redemptive purposes
in the coming week and thereafter. A facilitator will start
the conversation with two pre-selected conversation partners
after which all attendees will have the opportunity to say what
“jumped out” to them from the sermon.

4:40 PM NO Leaps of Faith Practice today.

6:30-8:30 PM High School Youth Group at the Lamberts.

Holy Week Events

♦Monday, March 26

9:30-10:30 AM Young Family Nursery Play Dates (ARC Nursery)

10:00-11:00 AM Women’s Prayer Group

(Prairie Ridge Care Center, Grandview Cottage Dining Room)

1:30 PM Weekly Faith Sharing Group (Rm 201)

Contact: Lynne Grossmann (737-4202)

♦Wednesday, March 28

6:15-7:30 PM F3 (“Fuel for Faith”) for children in 1st-5th grades

Location: Fellowship Hall (Lower level)

6:15-7:30 PM Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

Location: Middle School Youth Room - Rm 110 (lower level)

♦Maundy Thursday, March 29

6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service* in the sanctuary.

*Please note that—due to a very full worship service on Easter Sunday,
April 1—we will not be celebrating communion again until Sunday,
May 6.

♦Easter Sunday, April 1

9:30 AM Worship

Come celebrate the resurrection of our risen Lord!
(No Discipleship Classes)