

## Events for Today

- ◆ **10:30-10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship** (Gathering Area behind the sanctuary) Everyone is invited to stay for coffee or tea and cookies.
- ◆ **10:30-10:45 AM Hands of Praise** (grades 2-5)  
Location: Fellowship Hall
- ◆ **10:30-10:45 AM Children & Worship Music Time** (age 3–1st grade)  
Location: Room 111
- ◆ **10:45-11:30 AM Discipleship Classes for ALL Ages!**  
*Adult Discipleship Offerings include:*
  - ◆ **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK** (through March 5)  
*Facilitator:* Eric Elder  
*Location:* International Room (201)  
This class will be a discussion based study of the gospel of Mark, the shortest of all the four gospels that presents a vivid, vigorous, straight-forward account of the public ministry of Jesus.
  - ◆ **HELPING ALL ARC FAMILIES TO FLOURISH**  
*Location:* Fireside Room (202)  
No two families are alike and families face a wide diversity of challenges to human flourishing. The purposes of this Adult Discipleship series are to gain a better understanding of the unique joys and challenges facing different family arrangements as revealed by personal stories told by selected ARC families. Based on such understanding, to explore ways in which ARC members, individually and collectively, can better support those ARC families facing unique challenges.
- ◆ **#3: Families That Include LGBT Individuals**  
(Feb 26 & Mar 5)  
*Facilitator:* Tamara Fynaardt
- ◆ **6:30 PM High School Youth Group** at the Lamberts.

## Events for this Week

### Monday, March 6

#### **10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer Group**

(Prairie Ridge Care Center, Grandview Cottage Dining Room, located in the southwest part of the building.) Questions? Contact Arlene Punt at 707-4600.

#### **1:30 PM Women's Faith Sharing** (Room 201)

Contact: Lynne Grossmann (737-4202)

### Wednesday, March 8

**6:00-7:00 PM Community Family Pool Party** at the All Seasons Center in Sioux Center, IA. This event is for all families with children aged 0-5th grade from OC area churches. FREE! All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Bring your suit and towel! Questions? Contact Laura at [arckidsmin@gmail.com](mailto:arckidsmin@gmail.com).

#### **6:15-7:30 PM MSYG**

Students will help lead worship at the Pioneer Home.

## Praying for God's People

### ARC extends its belated congratulations to:

\***Don & Marlys Hop** on their 66th wedding anniversary, which was Thursday, March 2.

### Those recovering from a surgical procedure:

\***April Buysman** for her broken ankle. She is now in the Rock Rapids Health Centre for 4-6 weeks of physical therapy. Cards can be sent to her at 703 South Union Room, Rock Rapids, IA 51246

\***Lynn Sneller** for a broken wrist.

### Those scheduled for a surgical procedure:

\***Don Guthmiller**, who will be undergoing extensive surgery at Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska on Wednesday, March 8.

### Those receiving on-going care for cancer:

\***Don Hop**

(Note: Don writes, "We thank you for praying during my illness.")

## Announcements

- ◆ **ARC Members:** Please return the completed Elder and Deacon nomination form to the nomination box at the Welcome Center or the church office no later than noon on Sunday, March 12, 2017.

- ◆ **Wee Blessings Preschool** is welcoming donations to help run this non-profit preschool. Your donations allow us to keep tuition costs lower for each child wishing to attend. If you would be willing to bless our preschool in this way, please take a laminated tag from the Blessings Donation display. Please return the purchased item and the laminated tag to the donation box (by the lower level SE entrance) on or before Monday, March 13. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our community's wee blessings!

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First Sunday in Lent  
March 5, 2017



# THE APPROACH TO GOD

*The congregation is invited to read the bold font.  
\*Indicates you may stand if you wish.*

## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Bethany to Jerusalem,  
from then to now...**come, Lord Jesus.**

To heal the sick, to mend the broken hearted,  
to comfort the disturbed, and disturb the comfortable...

**come, Lord Jesus.**

To carry the cross, to lead the way,  
to bear our sin and take it away...**come, Lord Jesus.**

### \*SONG OF WORSHIP

"Blessed Be Your Name"

### \*GOD'S GREETING

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who sees us,  
**the truth is that we try to hide from you.**  
**We try to hide our selfishness. We try to hide our greed.**  
**We try to hide our fear. We try to hide our vengefulness.**  
**We try to hide the sin, the sickness, the shame from you,**  
**and we try to hide it from each other.**  
**We do our best to cover the sin that lives in us.**

*(Please use this time of silence for personal confession.)*

God who loves us,  
**we cannot hide from you. You see us even when we try to hide.**  
**You know our sin, our sickness, our shame.**  
**Yet, you love us. Then in the midst of that love,**  
**you call us into a more authentic and faithful life,**  
**By your Spirit, may we hear that call. In Jesus' name . . . amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Insert

"I'll Not Be Shaken"

# THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children ages 3-1st grade are invited to attend Children & Worship  
located on the lower level:*

*3-4 year olds - Room 103; 5-6 year olds - Room 104*

### \*SONG OF PREPARATION

#486

"There's a Wideness"

### SCRIPTURE

Psalms 32

### SERMON

*A Season in the Psalms—Psalm 32*

### MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

### INVITATION

### COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed our joyful response to give you thanks and praise, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer! You have made a new covenant with your people, remembering our sin no more, and writing your law within our hearts, so that all might know you, from the greatest to the least. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name: .

*Sung a cappella:*

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**  
**casting down their golden crowns**  
**around the glassy sea;**  
**cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,**  
**which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

Out of your great love for the world you made, you sent Jesus Christ—not to condemn, but to save us— so that those who trust in him might not perish, but have eternal life. Remembering this great sacrifice, we offer ourselves to you and proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died!**

**Christ is risen!**

**Christ will come again!**

As we break this bread and share this cup, renew in us the gift of faith by the power of your Spirit. Bind us to one another and to Christ as we join your reconciling work in the world. Yet, we wait expectantly for the day of ultimate reconciliation when all wrongs are made right and the is world renewed in the fullness of time.

**Even so, come, Lord Jesus!**

### COMMUNION

*This morning we will remain seated for communion. All communion elements are gluten free. If you so desire, please come forward for prayers for healing and anointing of oil while the bread is being passed. Children are welcome to participate in communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians.*

# THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*(Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.)*

### OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

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### FACILITIES UPDATE

ARC Consistory & Facilities Planning Team

### \*SONG OF RESPONSE

#507

"I Then Shall Live"  
vv. 1 & 2

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*SENDING SONG

#507

"I Then Shall Live"  
v. 3

### \*POSTLUDE

*All music & lyrics used by permission - CCLI #374890*

### Participating in Worship

The Congregation

Serving the Lord in Worship

Pam De Haan

Organist

Doug De Zeeuw, Marlene De Zeeuw,

Praise Team

Laura Jonker, Jenn Lambert,

Teresa Sampson, and Tom Truesdell

Pastors Elizabeth & Mike Hardeman

Leading in Worship

Jeff Tolsma, Gary Richardson, & Wanda Korthals

Facilities Update