

# February 21, 2021

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## Morning Worship Service

9:30 a.m.

Prelude and Announcements

## Come, Let us Worship the Lord!

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

\*Hymn – ABS1 #117 “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

\*God’s Greeting

\*Hymn – SP #54:1,3,4 “How Great Thou Art”

## Covenant Renewal

God’s Will For Our Lives – read responsively

Hymn of Confession and Comfort – PH #95 “Gracious God, My Heart Renew”

## We Worship Through Prayer

Congregational Prayer

## We Hear God’s Word Proclaimed

\*Hymn – Celebration Hymnal #327:1,2,4 “The Old, Rugged Cross”

Scripture: Luke 23:32-34

Sermon: “Father, Forgive Them...”

Prayer

## We Depart to Serve in God’s Kingdom

\*Hymn – ABS3 #100 “The Power of the Cross”

\*God’s Blessing

\*Closing Praise – PH #488 “Now Blessed Be Jehovah God”

\*Postlude

*If you are visiting, looking for a church home, or have a prayer request, please fill out the card in the pew and deposit it in the offering plate.*

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## Evening Worship

6:30 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

## Come, Let us Worship the Lord

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

\*Hymn – PH #312 “We Gather Together”

\*God’s Greeting

## We Express Our Faith

\*Apostles’ Creed – page 3 in back of Blue Psalter

\*Hymn of Faith – SP #21 “Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee”

## We Worship Through Prayer

Congregational Prayer

## We Hear God’s Word Proclaimed

\*Hymn – PH #240 “Teach Me O Lord, Thy Way of Truth”

Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:1-14

Sermon: We Must Obey

Prayer

## We Respond With Thanksgiving

Offertory Hymn – SP #130A “Living For Jesus”

Offering for

## We Depart to Serve our Savior

\*God’s Blessing

\*Closing Praise – PH #326:2-4 “Savior Again to Thy Dear Name”

Postlude

**February 21, 2021**

**Accompanist**

Today: Darla Timmer  
Next Sunday: Phyllis Vos

**Sound System**

Today: Derek Hamm  
Next Sunday: Shawn Feikema

**Library**

Today: Open  
Next Sunday: Open

**Offerings**

Today: A.M.– Resonate Global Mission  
P.M. – LCSS  
Next Sunday: A.M. – World Renew  
P.M. – Music Library

**Highway 75 Wayside Chapel Cleaning**

**Cleaning:** This Week: Stacy & Nicole Dilly  
Next Week: Dale & Darlene Dreessen

**Week's Events**

**We extend a warm welcome to all who have joined us for  
worship today!**

**Today:** 9:30 a.m. **Worship Service**  
10:50 a.m. **Church Education Classes**  
6:30 p.m. **Evening Worship Service**  
**Tuesday:** 9:30 a.m. **Coffee Break**  
**Wednesday:** 6:30 a.m. **Ladies Prayer Time**  
5:30 p.m. **Sunday evening Service broadcast on Vast**  
7:00 p.m. **GEMS/Cadets**  
Snack: **Jaelyn Fick and Shelby Ryswyk**  
**Thursday:** 5:30 p.m. **Sunday evening Service broadcast on Vast**

## Upcoming Events

- **March 10 will be the Pinewood derby** for the GEMS/Cadets at church. We will do the same as last year with supper and weigh in at 6:00 and start the races at 6:30. Each family is asked to bring a pan of bars or cookies to share. Plan for a fun night out!

## Announcements

- **This morning** we begin the Lenten season of the church year, i.e, the six Sundays leading up to Easter. The term “Lenten” refers to the *lengthening* of daytime hours as we move into the season of spring. called Lent, the six Sundays leading up to Easter. But our focus is on what happened during the springtime Passover festival when Jesus went to the cross for us. This is at the heart of the Gospel, on which we have taken our stand, and by which we are saved. So it is of first importance! (1 Cor 3:1-3) This year we plan to focus on the seven sayings of Jesus which He uttered while on the cross, beginning this morning with, “Father, forgive them...”
  - **This evening** we welcome Pastor Stephen Wynja to lead us in worship.
  - **Offerings may be left** in offering plates by the doors of the sanctuary.  
**Offerings this week: am – Resonate Global Missions**  
**pm – LCSS**
  - **Schedule** to read through the Bible in a year from [www.fivedaybiblereading.com](http://www.fivedaybiblereading.com)  
Week 8
    - Leviticus 8-11; Ps 110; Hebrews 4
    - Lev 12-14; Psalm 111; Heb 5
    - Lev 15-18; Psalm 31; Heb 6
    - Lev 19-20; Heb 7
    - Lev 21-23; Heb 8
  - **Journey Course.** From Jana Top: I am writing to make you aware of a discipleship training resource called “**Journey**”. In six 2-hour sessions, the “**Journey course**” seeks to equip everyday followers of Jesus in God’s desire & plan to redeem people to Himself from all the nations. In other words, “**Journey**” is a short course in learning about God’s heart for all the peoples of the world. In each session a different experienced trainer will equip participants in how to better understand & join God in His compassion for the nations as revealed in the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. Due to the pandemic, the 2021 “**Journey**” course is being live streamed every Monday evening from March 8 through April 12. Each individual participate or local church group can decide the best time to “tune in” to the weekly teaching. They may do so “live” on each Monday evening or at another time each week that works best for them. Some churches are hosting a training venue in their facility while others are planning to have small groups meeting in homes. Interested? For more information or to register, visit [siouxlandjourneycourse.com](http://siouxlandjourneycourse.com). Cost is \$30.00 per person to cover expenses. Angela Schuiteman (712-441-3145 [angela\\_marie25@hotmail.com](mailto:angela_marie25@hotmail.com)) is the
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best contact for learning about hosting a group or questions about sign up including setting up a discount rate for your church members. [**Note: the Luverne CRC Evangelism Committee encourages your participation and will reimburse you for half of the registration fee. Speak to Pastor Sparks or any member of the Evangelism Committee.**]

- **Wanted:** I'm looking for a "lift chair" for someone who needs home health care. If you or someone you know has one you could donate, please let me know. Thanks! Jennifer VandenBerg 507-920-8915.
- **Future "Cookie Sundays".** If you'd like to help provide cookies for an upcoming Cookie Sunday (first Sunday of the month), check the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Thanks!
- **Friday, February 26:** The Dordt University Music Department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz concert on Friday, February 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Featured on the performance will be the 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed evening of big band standards, fresh jazz perspectives, featured solos, and a variety of collaborations between singers and instruments. The 4th Avenue Singers are directed by Ryan Smit, and the 4th Avenue Band is directed by Kevin Linder. This concert is open to the public and will not be ticketed. Masks are required for those attending and seating groups will be socially distanced. The concert will also be livestreamed at [vimeo.com/event/572686](https://vimeo.com/event/572686). Dordt University continues to monitor how COVID-19 affects our campus and community. Please visit [dordt.edu/updates](https://dordt.edu/updates) on the day of the event to see if there are any restrictions or cancellations.
- **Friday, March 5:** The Dordt University Choral Department will present a Choral Ensembles Concert on Friday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This performance will include Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), Chorale (85-voice mixed choir), and Concert Choir (53-voice advanced mixed choir). The repertoire will focus on themes of worship, music's beauty, and moving from darkness to light. The music draws from a wide range of styles from the Renaissance to new works. Also featured will be the Midwest premiere of John Muehleisen's "Kyrie Angustiis" (Kyrie for Troubled Times). Joining the choirs will be several instrumental collaborators including piano, string quartet featuring Dordt string faculty, and guitar. Bella Voce is conducted by Dr. Carrie Groenewold; all other ensembles are conducted by Ryan Smit. Due to limited seating because of the current pandemic, this concert is not open to the public but will be livestreamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/572686>. Only those who have received a ticket from a musician may attend in person. Masks are required for those attending and seating groups will be socially distanced. Dordt University continues to monitor how COVID-19 affects our campus and community. Please visit [dordt.edu/updates](https://dordt.edu/updates) on the day of the event to see if there are any restrictions or cancellations.

- **Saturday, March 6:** On Saturday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium, the Dordt University Campus Band and Chamber Orchestra will present a concert featuring music by Bob Margolis, Michael Colgrass, Gustav Holst, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and others. Undergraduate guest conductor Clair De Jong will take the stage in her instrumental conducting debut with the Campus Band to conduct Hugh Stuart's "Three Ayers from Gloucester." The ensembles are under the direction of Dr. Onsby C. Rose. Due to limited seating because of the current pandemic, this concert is not open to the public but will be livestreamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/572686>. Only those who have received a ticket from a musician may attend in person. Masks are required for those attending and seating groups will be socially distanced. Dordt University continues to monitor how COVID-19 affects our campus and community. Please visit [dordt.edu/updates](http://dordt.edu/updates) on the day of the event to see if there are any restrictions or cancellations.

## Council Room Notes

from the meetings on Monday, Feb. 15 and Wednesday, Feb. 17

- Pastor Sparks opened with Psalm 124 and prayer. All present.
- Delegates to Classis Minnkota (March 4, 2021 in Holland, MN CRC) were appointed: Pastor Sparks, Elder Shawn Feikema (Eric Haan, Alt.) and Deacon Cal Den Herder (Brian Fick, Alt.) Council took note of overtures coming before Classis Minnkota and other matters of business. Council will endorse Sam Gesch's request that his license to exhort be renewed for a period of three years.
- Maintenance committee reported that it is working on getting estimates to upgrade cabinets, etc., in the church kitchen. Sound System committee reported that it is gathering estimates on improving: wireless mic system, streaming tech, etc. Council will compile estimates and publish as a proposal to the congregation for its consideration and approval.
- Committee member updates were completed for 2021. The list will be distributed soon.
- Council welcomed to the meeting(s) the following who made profession of faith: Aiden Van Santen, Brandy Pilaczynski, Jayda Dilly, Mara Fick, and Emma Nibbelink. We give thanks for God's work of grace in their lives and look forward to witnessing their public professions of faith in coming weeks.
- We plan, DV, to observe Prayer Day for Crops and Industry in the PM service of March 14.
- A (non-pictorial) church directory will be compiled/updated.
- Next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2021. Pastor Sparks led a closing prayer, offering thanks that Don Bork responded to CPR, etc., when he took ill near the end of the meeting on Feb. 15.