

## Morning Worship – March 9, 2008

WELCOME to all who have joined us for worship today!  
We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting.  
Please join us for coffee following the service...  
we would like to get to know you.

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

\*--Indicates to stand, if able

PH—*Psalter Hymnal* SANC—*Sing! a New Creation*

Please **read**, in unison, all sections in **bold** type; *sing* sections that are ***bold/italicized***.

## God Gathers Us for Worship

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 130

Wait for the Lord and put your hope in his word.

**My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

Put your hope in the Lord,  
for with the Lord is unfailing love,  
and with him is full redemption.  
He will redeem you from all your sins.

\*Hymn: PH 238 stanzas 1,2,5 “We Come, O Christ, to You”

\*God greets us and we greet one another

\*Hymn: PH 461 “Beautiful Savior”

## Service of Reconciliation

*Prayer of Confession*

Psalm 130: PH 256 “Out of the Depths I Cry”  
(congregation—stanzas 1 & 2; soloist—stanza 3)

All: ***Out of the depths I cry to you on high; Lord, hear my call.  
Bend down your ear and listen to my sigh, forgiving all.  
If you should mark our sins, who then could stand?  
But grace and mercy dwell at your right hand.***

All: ***I wait for God, I trust his holy word; he hears my sighs.  
My soul still waits and looks unto the Lord; my prayers arise.  
I look for him to drive away my night—  
yes, more than those who watch for morning light.***

Solo: Hope in the Lord: unfailing is his love; in him confide.  
Mercy and full redemption from above he does provide.  
From sin and evil, mighty though they seem,  
his arm almighty will his saints redeem.

*An Assurance of Pardon*

The Lord God said:

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you;  
I will remove from you your hearts of stone and give you a heart of flesh.  
Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God’s promises are “Yes.”  
Hear the good news:  
through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

## Scripture Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:6-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn: SANC 167 stanzas 1,2,4 “Gift of Christ from God Our Father”

*Children age 3 through Kindergarten are dismissed for their worship time downstairs in the Multi-Purpose Room.*

## Service of the Word

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

Message: "Greed"

## Service of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn: PH 289 stanzas 1,2,3,5,6 "Take My Life That It May Be"

We bring our gifts for Christian Education

We share our joys and concerns, followed by pastoral prayer

\*Hymn: PH 562 stanzas 1,3,5 "Our Father, Clothed with Majesty"

\*Benediction

\*Hymn: PH 562 stanza 8

*O Lord, your kingdom, glory, power go far beyond this temporal hour.*

*Your holy name be ever praised in all we do, through all our days,  
in this world and eternally. Amen, Amen, so shall it be!*

**Pastor:** Herm Van Niejenhuis

**Scripture Readers:** Len and Lee Rhoda

**Organist:** Donna Brue

**Soloist:** Bryan Kooi

6:00 p.m. This evening the message will be given by Pastor Jeff Scripps of Lebanon...a post-Classis trade.

Our offering will be for Mission Support: Worthington International. Worthington CRC International Ministry can testify that most Anuak people in the city of Worthington have received the Good news. In the coming year they plan to do much work on reaching out to the Liberians and Amharic-speaking people from Ethiopia whose number has increased in the Worthington area. They conduct a Bible study in the Anuak language. They have been using the Heidelberg Catechism because they want to prepare these people for church membership. They plan to develop another Bible study either with the Liberians or the Amharic group this year. Another goal of the ministry is to identify and train leaders for effective work.

## WORSHIP NOTES

### Offerings for next Sunday, March 16:

⇒ **AM:** Mission Support: Ryan and Tiffany Postma

Ryan and Tiffany Postma coordinate HANDS Mission Teams to Nicaragua. They serve as mediators between the teams and Nicaraguan field partners. HANDS is a Worldwide Christian Schools mission opportunity for volunteers who want to make a difference in the name of Jesus by building a school, playground or related educational structure in a developing country. Worldwide Christian Schools (WWCS) is a non-denominational, evangelical ministry whose mission is to assist other responsible Christian organizations in developing Christ-centered schools throughout the world. Their vision is to ensure that all people have access to Christ-centered education.

⇒ **PM:** Local Outreach: Lao/Tai Dam Ministry

Khay Baccam serves as the evangelist to the Lao people in the region. He meets regularly with groups for Bible study and leadership training in Sioux City, Sioux Falls, Worthington, Storm Lake and Sioux Center. He also works with Lao groups and churches in Minneapolis and Des Moines. Khay has translated the reformed confessions into the Lao language. He is also a valuable asset in the Lao BILD project which is providing Christian material and leadership training for people in Laos. A real concern is the group of Lao Christians in Worthington since their pastor, Sone, passed away recently. There are always financial needs because they try to collect about 18% of the \$70,000 ministry budget from church contributions.

### Offerings for March: AM

**23** Genesis One Chr Sch, Mendenhall, MS

**30** Bread for the World

### PM

Mission Support: Biermas

Luke Society

**Lenten Banners:** A simple gray cloth with a black strip suggests the theme of humility.... This year our Lenten sermon series will focus on the theme of sin against the background of the traditional "seven deadly sins." Each "sin" will be portrayed by a specific color in the banner. The seven colors, listed below, are presented in a dark value of the color for the six Sundays of Lent. Each one, however, is edged with a lighter, brighter strip to signify a hope for change.

Pride:	Purple	Humility
Envy:	Green	Creative activity
Anger:	Red	Cleansed by blood
Sloth:	Blue	Hope
Greed:	Yellow	Brightness of God's glory
Gluttony:	Orange	God's provision: harvest
Lust:	Fuschia	Beauty as God intended

Each of these colors also represents an aspect of our new life in Christ, and will be expressed in a second element for the banner on Easter with lighter, brighter colors.

### Scripture readings for Palm Sunday:

Psalm 118:19-29      *“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”*  
Matthew 21:1-11      *“Hosanna to the Son of David!”*  
Isaiah 62              *“Beulah-land.”*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pick up your orders today!** For those who ordered homemade muffins or bread from the Dordt College Nursing Club you may pick up your order in the back of church. Please take special consideration to only pick up your order. Thank you for your support and enjoy your treats!

**The Schelhaas/Swager Pastoral Group** will meet today for a noon meal in the fellowship hall.

**Young People:** Looks like we got a bit off schedule this month. Let’s plan on meeting TONIGHT following worship, and also on the 30th! We have some activities to talk about planning—come with a calendar.

**NOTICE:** The young people are looking for a microwave that is good at popping popcorn to be donated to the youth room. Does anyone have one to get rid of? If so, please contact Jamin or Kate Ver Velde (722-1790) or Trevor or Margriet Siepman (722-0347).

**Covenant Women's Evening Study group** will meet this Wednesday (March 12) at Gidge Meyer's home. We will study chapter 12 in our book Whose Land? Whose Promise? This is our second last meeting for the season, so even if you have missed some sessions, please join us. Questions? Please phone Dee Van Niejenhuis (722-4455).

**YAYACs:** Plan on joining us this Saturday, March 15 for a combined social event and Bible study. We'll meet at church at 5:30 for a green potluck. Bring a dish to share that has some green ingredients. The greener the better. (Kids are welcome to eat with us.) After the potluck, we'll do a Bible study on the financial topic of debt reduction. Childcare will be provided.

**The Sunday Evening Adult Study Group** will meet next week Sunday, following the evening worship service. All adults are invited to join them. If able, please bring a snack to share.

**Another quilt Sewing Saturday** is coming up on March 29. Join us in putting together quilts for young and old alike. All are invited to put your hands to work. 9:00 A.M. Gevalia Coffee and goodies will be provided. Questions? Call Rin 722-4394.

**On Wednesday, April 2,** Rehoboth Christian High School Choir, from western New Mexico, will be coming to Sioux Center for a concert in the B. J. Haan Auditorium. They’re a lively group, featured at last year’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of the Christian Reformed Church. **The choir members will be needing lodging that night.** If anyone is interested in putting up a couple of kids from the rez, please contact Jim Schaap at 722 4361 or [jschaap@dordt.edu](mailto:jschaap@dordt.edu).

**Ladies:** Please reserve **Tuesday, April 29,** for our **Spring Salad Supper and Covenant’s Bridal Showcase!** We are looking for wedding dresses of all years to be displayed or modeled by you or your daughter. We are inviting all girls from Kindergarten up to attend and enjoy this evening. Sign-up lists for salads will be on the back table later. We will also include your favorite attendant dresses or even flower girl dresses if you have one you would like included. Watch the bulletin for more information. Please contact Linda Vanden Hoek, 439-2409, Sharon Vos, 722-1009, or Marcia Westra, 722-3921 if you have a dress to include.

**Sermon CDs.** The Building Committee will begin recording sermons on CDs instead of tapes sometime soon. If anyone still needs to use cassette tapes for listening to sermons, please let Stan Feekes know. Thanks.

**The Christian Education Committee** would like to thank the congregation for their faithful giving so far this year. However, with 5 months remaining, we are approximately \$5,200 behind. To get back on track we need to take in about \$14,200 per month for the remaining months. We ask that you may prayerfully consider this in your future giving.

**Designated offering(s) from last week:** CRWRC: Food Resource Bank--\$618.70.

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday	12:00 Noon	Schelhaas/Swager Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
	7:15 PM	Young People’s Meeting
Monday	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	7:15 PM	Cadets
		Covenant Women's Evening Study group
Saturday	5:30 PM	YAYAC’s Potluck/Bible Study

# CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

## TODAY

### VALET PARKING ATTENDANTS:

**AM & PM:** Gaby Castelan with Alejandro or Isabel

### GREETERS:

**AM:** W&J Alberda, S&J Altena, E&D Brue

**PM:** D&J Bajema, N&J Breems, A&I Castelan

### NURSERY:

**AM INFANT:** S&P Crull, Kathy De Wit,

Claire McWilliams, Michelle Smith

**AM TODDLER:** M&L Christians, B&J Christians

**PM:** D&P DeJong, D&M DeBoer

**Mom of the Month:** Robin Fedders

### USHERS:

**AM:** R Oostra, T Rylaarsdam, J Schaap,

C Taylor, M Tazelaar

**PM:** D Tinklenberg, J VanWyk, S VandenBerg

**Subs:** L Rhoda, D VanderZee, D VanderPlaats

COFFEE: N Brummel, A Castelan, P Clousing,

M DeBoer, P DeJong, L DenBoer, M Dengler

Amanda Arkema, Elbert Bakker

(Sub: M Christians)

## NEXT WEEK

### VALET PARKING ATTENDANTS:

**AM & PM:** Emily Christians and Mark or Lisa

### GREETERS:

**AM:** B&J Christians, D&M DeBoer, D&P DeJong

**PM:** B&K DeWit, L&A DenBoer, B&J Elgersma

### NURSERY:

**AM INFANT:** P&A Fessler, E&B Fritsch

**AM TODDLER:** A&R Fedders, C&R Goedhart

**PM:** D&L Goslinga, D&D Hibma

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(Sub: M Christians)

**GREETERS:** *The first name/family scheduled for today should stand by the main entrance; the second name/family by the northeast entrance and the third name/family by the southwest entrance.*

**GREETERS, NURSERY ATTENDANTS, and USHERS** are asked to wear name tags.

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS:** *It would be helpful, when trading with others for nursery duty, if a trade was done evenly. If you're a couple, please trade with another couple (not a family); if you're a family, trade with another family--preferably of similar size and similar ages of children. Also, please notify the church office of any trades. Thanks for your help in caring for the youngest members of our body.*

### **MORNING GREETERS are asked to write:**

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### **EVENING GREETERS are asked to write:**

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