

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

8:50 a.m.

April 7, 2019

*Welcome members, friends and visitors to our service this morning. We would ask you all to complete the friendship pad located in your pew. Thank you for your help. Welcome Packets for our visitors and guests are available at the Visitor Center.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

Arla Stover & Charlene Radcliffe  
*"Calvary Medley"*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today we gather to worship God the Father our Creator,

**People: Who creates order out of chaos.**

Leader: We step into this sanctuary to encounter Christ,

**People: Who silences the storms of our hearts.**

Leader: We lift our hearts in prayerful surrender in the Spirit of God,

**People: Who draws us together and makes us one.**

***All: Let us join our hearts and voices together and worship Father, Son, and Spirit.***

### \* HYMN 462

*"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"*

### \* OPENING PRAYER

**God of love, we gather to worship you this morning with the very best of who we are. We come with our most sincere desire to trust you, to connect with our fellow believers, and to be attentive to what you have to say to us. Yet, we must confess that we are also distracted. Our lives are busy and our consciences are guilty. We know that we have failed you this week. We know that we have fallen short and been unable to love our neighbor and ourselves as you have commanded. Forgive us for those things that we have done and left undone. Grant us the wisdom to follow you and the self-control to lay aside our burdens so**

**that we might love others as you have loved us. In Christ we pray, Amen.**

### \* GLORIA PATRI 579

CHILDREN'S TIME

Doug Stueven

HYMN 267

*"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5:1-6

(Page 945 in the Pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

*"The Fruit of the Spirit"*

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 8

(Page 928 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON

Michael Gewecke

Tighten the Reins

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE      Andrew Allen, alto saxophone

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

OFFERING

Offertory                              8<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbell Choir  
*"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

\* Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* HYMN 384

*"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"*

\* BENEDICTION    ~~Back cover of Hymnal

*"Go Now In Peace"*

POSTLUDE

\* **Those who are able** are invited to stand.

**Nursery Available for Pre-K and under**

- **Large print "BULLETINS AND HYMNALS" are available from an Usher-**
- ***Busy Bags available in the Narthex***
- ***Coffee is served immediately following the Worship Service in Fellowship Hall.***

**Participating in this morning's Reformed service are:** Michael Gewecke, Pastor; Kirk Jensen, Liturgist; Arla Stover, Pianist; Carol Stueven, Chancel Choir Director; Lincoln Larsen & Jada Duis, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbell Choir Directors; Ushers are Roger & Karen Lahm and Chris & Katie Luinstra; Greeters are Nancy Radcliffe & Reeann Marra; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers & Ken Eckerman, Sound; Milt Nolting, Video; Angie Peterson is in charge of the Nursery; Keith & Beryl Marra prepared our coffee.



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