



MIDDLEBURG FREE GRACE
REFORMED CHURCH

Knowing Jesus and making Jesus known



Pastor Mark Schwarz

WELCOME

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE TO WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday, March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Order of Worship

Approach to God

Prelude

Praise & Worship Time

Hymn # 139 (vs.1-3) *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Hymn # 157 (vs. 1-3) *The Love of God*

*Opening Prayer

*Congregational Greeting Time

Children's Message – Pastor Mark

Announcements

Congregational & Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Preparation # 72 (vs. 1-3) *Blessed Assurance*

(General Fund Offering)

(Rainbows are dismissed for Children & Worship)

Word of God

Message – *Our Personal Guidance Counselor*

Prayer of Blessing

Response to God

Song of Response # 691 (vs. 1-2) *Surely Goodness and Mercy*

(Special Offering for Luke Society)

*Benediction

*Closing Song # 691 (vs. 3) *Surely Goodness and Mercy*

*Postlude (*please stand if you are able)

We cordially welcome you to worship this Fifth Sunday of Lent!
We greet you in the name of *Jesus, My Redeemer, Name above all Names, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.*
We are reminded of the great intensity in the unfolding of the salvation narrative-fierce opposition to Christ, the deep suffering of our Savior, and amazing love for you and me. May our service be a time of humility but also joy as we reflect on salvation's story. Pray that God's Spirit will renew our church, and each of us individually, during this holy season.

If you are a visitor, please fill out a "Welcome to the Family" card located by the sanctuary doors and leave it on the table. We would love to make contact with you.

The Special Offering today is for the Luke Society which is a Christian ministry that works internationally with indigenous medical professionals to bring healing and hope through Jesus Christ. We support and empower nationals as they serve the Lord among their own people, language and culture, and in doing so, carrying out the Great Commission in Matthew 28 to “go and make disciples of all nations.” Thank you for your support of the Luke Society.

Today’s Worship Attendants:

Organist–Nora V
Power Point – Nelva H
Coffee & Lemonade – Minerva K
Children’s Message – Pastor Mark
Prayer Team – Rus V & Justin D
Ministry of Music – Chad Kooikers
Nursery Attendants – Lana O; Brantley H; Raelle K
Children & Worship – Rainbows (K-2nd grade)
Storyteller – Nelva Helper – Skylar G
Greeters – Beth VW & Maddie H
Elder Greeters – Pastor (east); Rus (south); George (west)

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall following the worship service for coffee and lemonade.

6:30 PM – Sr. RCYF will meet at church.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Let us remember our friends and family in our prayers:

- Peter Leo Vander Zwaag after his move to RiverView Ridge Assisted Living in Rock Valley this week. His new address is 712 Westview Dr, Rm 105, Rock Valley, IA 51247. Pray for him as he adjusts to his new home.
- Luke Kooiker and Dakota Bomgaars as they recover from their recent surgeries.
- Dina, daughter-in-law of Larry & Joyce Vander Wilt, as she continues her chemo treatments.
- Cleo Te Slaa, Lucille Van Zee, Harriet Vander Zwaag, Ezra Kraayenbrink, and Wilemina Schuiteman.
- Jordan Rand, LaRae Punt’s son, as he continues his recovery.

PRAYER FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Our prayer focus is the Brad Wielenga family. Brad works at the Hull Coop in the Agronomy and Grain department. Andrea stays at home and fills her days chasing kids, helping on the farm and volunteering. Allison is a freshman at Western Christian. She enjoys being involved with 4-H, FFA, speech, theater, choir and many other school activities as well as working with the animals on the farm. Megan is in 7th grade at Sioux Center Christian. She enjoys being in 4-H and theater, reading and making personalized cards. Katelyn is in 3rd grade at Sioux Center Christian. She enjoys working with animals and rollerblading. Nicole is 3 years old and enjoys all things farming, books and playing dressing up. The Wielengas ask us to join them in praying for the upcoming spring season on the farms. Pray for safety for people operating large machinery for long hours and patience for their families as they wait for them at home. Also pray for good weather to get the work done and timely rains to help the crops grow. Keep the Wielenga family in your prayers this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week Sunday is Palm Sunday! Our children are invited to carry palm leaves during the service. We will meet downstairs at 9:20 AM to get lined up.

Camp Middleburg Registration is open. There is an online registration on the church website or a paper registration is available on the MOVE table. Join us on June 5-9 as we learn about being super heroes for God. Invite your neighbors, friends and family.

Easter Morning Choir! We will be practicing on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM until Easter. If you haven't signed up, you are welcome to come to a practice and check it out. We look forward to singing on Easter Sunday!

Fellowship Supper "ONE SIZE SKITS ALL" will be on Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 pm. Your hostess will be contacting you regarding food for your table. Join us for a night of fun, food, and fellowship!

Inspiration Hills 2023 Summer Camp Registration opened February 1, 2023. See the brochures on the MOVE table for details to register online. Save money by registering by April 15th. Remember Middleburg Free Grace pays for one-half of each camper's fees. Please contact one of the deacons if you have a camper(s) attending summer camp this year.

MISSING: A Pampered Chef jelly roll pan with the initials BK on it. If you mistakenly took it, please return to the church kitchen!

THIS WEEK:

Monday, Mar. 27 @ 7:00 PM – Choir practice for Easter Sunday.

Tuesday, Mar. 28 @ 9:00 AM – Tuesday AM Bible Study.

Thursday, Mar. 30 @ 4:00 PM – Thurs. PM Ladies Bible Study.

NEXT SUNDAY, April 2 – Palm Sunday:

Pastor Mark's Message – *Checking My Ego At The Door*
Offering – General Fund

Special Offering – Talking Bibles/Paul Hoekstra

Worship Attendants:

Pianist – Haley B

Sound Tech – Bryce H

Power Point – Tayla K

Ushers – Dan O & Kevin O

Coffee & Lemonade/Cookies – Kim W & Julie S

Prayer Team – Harlan H & Steven B

Ministry of Music – Tyler Van Der Zwaags

Nursery Attendants – Carmen M; Lily L; Ethan S

Children & Worship – Little Lambs (3 yrs - TK)

Storyteller – Tara K

Helper – Kensley R

Greeters – Ashley S & Jenna VW

Elder Greeters – Rus (east); Pastor (south); Harlan (west)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, April 5 – Weds. AM Ladies Bible Study.

Wednesday, April 5 - Fellowship Supper.

Friday, April 7 – Good Friday Services.

Sunday, April 9 – Easter Services.

May 21 – Last day of Sunday School.

Sunday, June 4 – Evening Tent Service Concert.

June 5-9 – Camp Middleburg.

June 17 – Siouxname Water Park Fun Night.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friday, March 31 – Hope Haven, Inc. will host their Annual Benefit Auction at TeSlaa Trucking in Hull to help support individuals with disabilities through this exciting evening of fun and fellowship. Doors open at 4:30 PM; Food Booth opens at 5:00 PM and Live Auction begins at 5:30 PM. There are over 450 items for the auction. Visit hopehaven.org/events to see a preview catalog of items. The whole family is invited to this community fundraiser!



Next Sunday, April 2, 2023

*All of our children will carry palm leaves
during the service!*



Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 AM
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Our Personal Guidance Counselor

(Jesus) "... I will send the Comforter to you ... When the Holy Spirit, who is truth, comes, he shall guide you."

John 16:7, 13

"I will instruct you and guide you along the best pathway for your life: I'll advise you and watch your progress."

Ps. 32:8 (LB)

How does the Holy Spirit guide?

By helping us _____ what God has already said.

John 14:26

By inspiring _____ in our minds.

Job 33:14-18 (LB)

How can I receive guidance?

_____ for it!

Ps. 27:11

_____ it!

James 1:6

_____ for guidance!

Ps. 119:19

_____ for guidance!

Ps. 25:9

How to test an impression?

1 John 4:1

Does it agree with the _____?

Luke 21:33

Does it make me _____ like Christ?

James 3:17

Does my church family _____ it?

Proverbs 11:9

**Remember
Ideas**

**Ask
Expect
Read
Wait**

**Bible
More
Confirm**