

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 8, 2026 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder

Organ: Carol Kleinjan

Keyboard: Michelle Vander Wal

Mixed Quartet

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMNS: 438 – *Nearer, Still Nearer*

421 – *All For Jesus*

* 373 – *The Light of the World is Jesus*

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

If you feel more comfortable during the cold/flu season not shaking hands, you may greet someone with a 'soft' fist bump, wave of the hand or just a verbal Good Morning!

PRAISE MINISTRY: *Abide With Me* - Bell Choir

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE – Video Trailer

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS: Exodus 20:1-17 p. 118

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and Volga Christian School)

CHILDREN'S OFFERING (Compassion Child – Nelly and Raj)

(Please sign the friendship pads as the offering is received)

* DOXOLOGY (page 623)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:38-42 p. 1613

MESSAGE: *What's Better Than Busyness?*

* HYMN: 422 – *Give of Your Best to the Master*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 428 – *More Love to Thee* (verse 1)

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship and praise on this third Sunday of Lent.

Please join us in the fellowship hall for a time of refreshments and conversation.

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Marv and Joyce Post

Ushers: Dori Ohm and Chris Mans

Nursery: Melissa Olson and Cade Volkers (for newborns-age 4)

Coffee Servers: John Sapp Family

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

We have classes for all ages. The children (Pre-primary-5th Grade) will have a time of singing in the large northeast Sunday School room at **10:45 a.m.**

Instruction in the classroom will be from 11-11:45 a.m.

There are two adult classes 1) A class studying the prophets (Daniel) meets in the consistory room 2) Pastor Gary's class meets in the sanctuary and is studying the book of Ecclesiastes (chapter 12) through a short video by Jonathan Pokluda.

DAKOTA SUN ASSISTED LIVING SERVICE at 11 a.m. The following are encouraged to attend: Caleb and Emily, Chr., Justin & Melissa, Hattie Clapp, Tom & Carol, Jordan Raatz, John Sapp, grades 6-12 and their teachers. Even if your name is not on the list, you are welcome to worship and visit with the residents.

THIS EVENING: The combined Lenten service will be held at the Christian Reformed Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. The theme this year is "God's Story of Redemption". Pastor Gary will bring a message from Genesis 3:14-15, *The Promise in the Curse*. A time of fellowship will follow.

NEXT SUNDAY (March 15, 2026)

The men's group will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some hymns.

Carol Kleinjan will provide praise ministry.

We will be welcoming new members and having our Prayer for Crops and Industry service.

You are encouraged to attend the combined Lenten service to be held at COPC at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Gary will bring the message from Romans 5:12-19 *The Second Adam*.

**THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES
FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH**

MONDAY: 7 p.m. Board of Elders
7:15 p.m. Deacon's Meeting
7:30 p.m. Consistory – Devotions & Lunch – Harold

TUESDAY: 7 p.m. – Worship Team

WEDNESDAY: 4:15 p.m. – Bell Choir Practice
7 p.m. – Senior High Youth
8:30 p.m. – Men's Discipleship Group

THURSDAY: 2 p.m. – Ladies' Bible Study - Romans 11
Leader – Susan Refreshments – Bernice
3:45 p.m. – GEMS at CRC

FUTURE DATES

March 15..... Combined Lenten Service at COPC
March 16..... Fresh Hope
March 18..... Men's Discipleship Sr. High Youth
March 19..... Dakota Sun Fellowship/program
March 22..... Cadet Sunday
March 24..... MESA TEAM

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Please be in prayer for **Nick Vande Weerd** as he goes on a mission trip to Guatemala beginning on Monday, March 15 and returning on Sunday, March 22. He will be building houses (with a group from Faith Reformed Church in Brookings) through the Casas por Cristo organization. (casaporristo.org)

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Gary and Gloria Egeberg, Whitney Goetsch, Gene and Lois Kleinjan, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Joel Schonewill, VernaMae Van Maanen, Lee Vande Weerd, Harold Van Hoepen, and Amy Vandermeer, Kevin Warne** Also continue to pray for **Howard Rozendal** who resides at United Living Community in Brookings, **Donald Langland** who is at the Estelline Nursing and Care Center, **Bill Van Beek** is in the Good Samaritan home in De Smet, **Marilyn Kleinjan** is at Dakota Sun in Volga and **Adriana Kleinjan** and **Harold Van Hoepen** who are homebound.

CONGRATULATIONS to Preston and Mariah (Vander Wal) Tetzlaff on the birth of their son, Tate Joseph on February 28. Congratulations to grandparents, Kelly and Vickie Vander Wal and extended family members. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMBINED LENTEN SERVICES are 6:30 p.m. The Lenten series this year will focus on "God's Story of Redemption".

Date	Hosting Church	Preaching	Scripture/Theme
March 15	COPC	Pastor Gary	The Second Adam Romans 5:12-19
March 22	CRC	Pastor Kelle	Bearing the Curse Galatians 3:10-14
March 29	FRC Host Fellowship Time	Pastor Joshua	Glory Thru the Cross John 12:23-33

SERVICE PROJECT FOR MARCH

Option 1's mission statement is to assist women in the Brookings area and SDSU who are experiencing unplanned pregnancies to explore choices by providing appropriate resources and support including counseling, education programs and mentoring.

How can you help? You are invited to take a little card from the pockets on the display board in the fellowship hall, purchase the item(s) and return the card and item(s) to the tote provided. **Deadline is March 24.** Thank you in advance for your support.

MEALS FOR YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS: If you are willing to serve a 'quick meal' for the Wednesday night youth groups, please sign the sheet on the small table under the south bulletin board. The last Wednesday in March is open as well as some dates in April and May. Please check it out and thank you to those who have willingly served in the past.

ARE YOU A YOUNG ADULT WITH AN INTEREST IN MISSIONS?

There is a mission immersion experience available to you. You would go with other mission minded young adults to Peru and stay with our missionaries Sandi and Albino and learn about Casa del Maestro Ministries. You'd also get to see Machu Picchu and Cuzco. There is more information on the bulletin board or talk to Pastor Gary or Robyn.

STEP INTO SPRING – Mark your calendars for March 20 (the first day of spring) The Christian Reformed Church has extended an invitation (open to everyone) to get out and enjoy the changing of the seasons. Meet at the Christian Reformed Church at 9 a.m. for a 1-mile walk followed by a breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Feel free to join the group for breakfast even if you are unable to go on the walk.

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Ushers: Chris Mans and Dori Ohm

Nursery: Susan Vander Wal and Kinsley Sapp

Coffee: Kevin & Angie Warne

Offering: General Fund and Building Fund

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