

**Sunday, January 10, 2010**  
**First Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Service of the Scapegoat**

*Welcome to our celebration of corporate worship. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us for refreshments following the service. In the order of the service, an asterisk (\*) indicates that the congregation is standing. Also, please take a moment to let us know of your presence by signing the blue fellowship register located in each row.*

*Today is our **Scapegoat** service. In the Old Testament, God commanded his people Israel to send a goat into the wilderness, symbolically carrying away their wickedness and rebellion with it. We commemorate a similar ceremony at the beginning of each year by writing down regrets, hurts, and sins on scraps of paper and burning them in the flame of the Christ candle.*

*Today we celebrate communion. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, has ordained and instituted the sacrament of communion to nourish and to sustain those who are part of his family, the church. Baptized believers in Christ may receive the sacrament in the gathering of God's people. All those who have not put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior are asked to abstain from the sacrament.*

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**The Collect:** O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, you Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

\* **Gathering Song:** He is Exalted (sing twice) (green) Sing! #41

\* **Responsive Reading**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders.

**People: The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**People: May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

\* **Song of Adoration:** God Himself is with us (grey) PH #244

**\* GOD GREETS US AS WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

Pastor: People of God, in whom is our help?

**People: Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made the heavens and the earth.**

*(We receive God's greeting and greet one another.)*

**CHILDREN'S SENDING**

Leader: What is our prayer for these children?

**People: The Lord be with you.**

**Children: And also with you.**

**GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD**

**Old Testament Reading:** Leviticus 16 *(Bible page 91)*

Reader: This is the Word of the LORD.

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Epistle Reading:** Hebrews 10:1-14 *(Bible page 976)*

Reader: This is the Word of the LORD.

**People: Thanks be to God**

Sermon

*Silent Moment for Reflection*

**THE SCAPEGOAT SERVICE**

*(During this part of the service, worshippers are invited to write down on a piece of paper regrets, hurts, memories and sins from which they want to be cleansed, healed, and forgiven. While the congregation sings, you are invited to come up, one by one, and using the Christ Candle, burn these scraps of paper. As the flames consume these papers, visualize what they represent: being removed from God's memory as well as your own, and receive and accept the forgiveness symbolized in the scapegoat and now made real through the death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Spend a moment in prayer asking God to make this forgiveness real to you and give thanks for the opportunity to enter the New Year holy and blameless before our God.)*

## Call to Confession

Leader: Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is able to sympathize with us in our weaknesses. In every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.  
*--Hebrews 4:15-16*

**Song of Preparation:** Kyrie Elison (green) Sing! #53

Reading: “Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows. He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed...the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” *--Isaiah 53:5, 6*

**Song:** I Believe in God Almighty (green) Sing! #175

Reading: “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.... Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.”  
*--John 1:14 & 12-13*

**Song:** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (grey) PH #475

Reading: “Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Now in Christ Jesus you who were once far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.”  
*--Ephesians 2:4-13*

**Song:** There is a Redeemer (green) Sing! #145

## **WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS**

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the peace from above, for the living-kindness of God, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the peace of the world, for the unity of the church of God, and for the well-being of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For this gathering of the faithful, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For our elected officials and those to be elected, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For this city, Chicago, for every city and community and for those who live in theme, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those who are aged and infirm, for those who are widowed and orphaned, and for those who are sick and suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those who are poor and oppressed, for those who are unemployed and destitute, for those who are imprisoned and captive, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For deliverance in times of affliction, strife and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all the prayers of our heart, Lord, spoken now aloud or silently.

*(prayers spoken either aloud or silently)*

Leader: Almighty God, you have given us your grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name you will be in their midst.

**All:** ***Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.***

## **WE RESPOND IN THANKSGIVING**

*(Our morning offering is an act of worship whereby we as members of this church express our gratitude to and reliance on God. Guests and visitors should not feel that participation in this part of the service is obligatory.)*

General Fund offering

*(Please take a moment during the offering to enter your name and contact information in the welcome pad found at the end of each row and pass the pad to your neighbor.)*

Offertory Prayer

## **THE LORD GREETUS US AT THE TABLE**

### **THE CREED**

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, our Savior Jesus Christ has ordained and instituted this Holy Supper to nourish and sustain those who are born again and grafted into his family: his church. Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Belgic Confession:

**People: We believe that God—**

**Who is perfectly merciful and also very just—**

**Sent his Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by his most bitter passion and death.**

**So God made known his justice toward his Son, who was charged with our sin, and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us, who are guilty and worthy of damnation, giving to us his Son to die by a most perfect love, and raising him to life for our justification, in order that by him we might have immortality and eternal life.**

## THE THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right for us to give thanks. It is our joy and our salvation at all times and in all places to give thanks to you O Lord, holy Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Christ Our Lord.**

Pastor: All holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands! When sin scarred the world, you entered into covenant to renew the whole creation.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, as a father joyfully welcomes his own, you embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail.

Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom.

From them you raised up Jesus, your Son, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are satisfied.

He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down.

But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

For his selfless love, we offer our praise.

**All Sing:** Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart (green) Sing! #19

## THE INSTITUTION

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

When our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

“This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said,

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me.”

Pastor: Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. With these words our Lord commands all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in true faith and in the confident hope of his return in glory.

**People: In this supper God declares to us that our sins have been completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself finished on the cross once for all.**

Pastor: He also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who with his very body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father, where he wants us to worship him.

**People: God meets us in the sacraments, holy acts in which his deeds elicit our response. God reminds and assures us in baptism, whether of those newly born or newly converted, that his covenant love saves us, that he washes away our guilt, gives us the Spirit, and expects our love in return.**

**In the supper our Lord offers the bread and cup to believers to guarantee our share in his death and resurrection, and to unite us to him and to each other.**

**We take this food gladly, announcing as we eat that Jesus is our life and that he shall come again to call us to the Supper of the Lamb.**

## **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Pastor: Lord, Send your Holy Spirit on us and these your gifts of bread and wine, that we may know Christ's presence, real and true, and be his faithful followers, showing your love for the world. Amen.

## **PREPARATION OF THE ELEMENTS**

Pastor: The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**People: We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.**

Pastor: The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**People: The cup which we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.**

## THE INVITATION AND DEDICATION

Pastor: Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord, are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

The gifts of God for the people of God!

**People: Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## THE COMMUNION

*(Those receiving the sacrament may come forward as ushered. Children may come with families to be given a blessing. You will be served the bread with the words, "The Body of Christ, broken for us." You may simply receive it, break off a piece, and pass it on, repeating those words to the next person, or you may receive it with the words, "Thanks be to God." We hold the bread until the cup comes, and we dip the bread into the grape juice. The words accompanying this act are: "The Blood of Christ, shed for us.")*

### Songs during communion:

Taste and See

(green) Sing! #255

Let us break bread Together

(grey) PH #304

## GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

### \* Benediction

\* **Sending Song:** My Friends, May You Grow in Grace (green) Sing! #288  
(sing twice)

## Announcements

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## Epiphany

Epiphany means "to reveal." It celebrates the coming of the Magi, whose bringing of gifts revealed Jesus to the world as Lord and King. The season of Epiphany continues until Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent.

Depending on the timing of Easter, the season of Epiphany includes four to nine Sundays.

The sanctuary colors of Epiphany are white and gold. These are the colors of celebration, newness, and hope that mark the most sacred days of the church year. Epiphany is a time of focusing on the mission of the church as revealing Jesus as the Savior of all people..

## This Week at Loop

**PREACHING:** Timothy Douma      **WORSHIP LEADER:** Lexi Wurpts      **Music:** Sheri Dieleman

**Welcome to our worship service at Loop Christian Ministries.** After the service, you're invited to share refreshments and fellowship with us in the gym. **PLEASE REMEMBER – NO FOOD OR DRINK TO BE TAKEN INTO CARPETED AREAS!** A nursery is available for younger children during the service. Nursery is for children under the age of 5.

**Church Volunteer Opportunities:** Please be sure to check with Jim Bosman after the service regarding the worship assistant sign-up sheet. There are many opportunities to get involved on Sunday morning including greeting people, bringing refreshments, and watching children in nursery.

### Worship Assistants:

Date	Set up	Greeters	Nursery	Nursery	Refreshments	SS 4-7	SS 8-12	Offering
1/10/10	Steve	Jim & Mary	Claire	Rob W	Carolyn	Vera	Kevin	Rebecca & Corwin
1/17/10	Daane	Nancy & Paul	Steve	Erica	Steve & Barb	Vera	Paul/Nancy	Kristin & Paul
1/24/10	Daane	Tim & Lexi	Vera	John	Common Meal	Betsy	Paul/Nancy	Corwin & Paul
1/31/10	Steve	Michael & Yvana	Lexi	Claire	Matt & Vera	Betsy	Megan H	Kristin & Rebecca

### Calendar:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sunday, January 10	SJOM Brown Bagging	11:15-11:45 AM	Daystar
Monday, January 11	Worship Team Meeting	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Chicago Semester
Thursday, January 14	Breakfast Club	7:00 – 8:00 AM	La Cocina
Tuesday, January 19	Steering Council Meeting	6:00 – 8:00 PM	Church Office
Tuesday, January 19	SJOM Supper	6:15 – 8:00 PM	SJOM
Thursday, January 21	Breakfast Club	7:00 – 8:00 AM	La Cocina
Sunday, January 24	Iron Chef: Loop	11:30AM – 12:30PM	Daystar

**Offering Update:** December 27: Gen Fund: \$1,493.00, FYTD: \$59,071.08; FYTD Budget: \$70,247.80; Excess (shortfall): (\$11,176.72) Special Offering for Kennedy/King Campus Ministry: \$278.00

**Email Prayer Requests:** If you would like to be included in this ministry and receive periodic prayer requests from members of LCM, please email [LCM@loopchurch.org](mailto:LCM@loopchurch.org). If you would like to submit a prayer request go to our website at [www.loopchurch.org](http://www.loopchurch.org) and click on the Prayer Requests link and follow the instructions.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Contact [jim@loopchurch.org](mailto:jim@loopchurch.org) if you would like to add or update an event on the web calendar. Events from the calendar are also included in the bulletin but REMEMBER - the bulletin is printed on Tuesday so get your event in the bulletin you must have your updates in by then.

**"The Breakfast Club" has resumed.** Meeting Thursdays at La Cocina, 406 S. Clark. Breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m. We will be discussing Tim Keller's THE REASON FOR GOD: BELIEF IN AN AGE OF SKEPTICISM ([http://www.amazon.com/reader/1594483493?\\_encoding=UTF8&ref\\_=sib%5Fdp%5Fpt#reader-link](http://www.amazon.com/reader/1594483493?_encoding=UTF8&ref_=sib%5Fdp%5Fpt#reader-link))

**CRWM: UNLEASHED!** Webinar Series - Jan.20 at 12-1 p.m. (EST). A free webinar on "Church Missions Coaching". Join us to learn how to bring your missions potential to life. Email [crwmwebinars@crwna.org](mailto:crwmwebinars@crwna.org) to register (deadline is Jan. 15). For more information, click the Resources tab at [www.crwm.org](http://www.crwm.org).

CRWM Project Giving Guide Online - Visit [www.crwm.org/projects](http://www.crwm.org/projects) for a list of current CRWM projects that need financial support. Projects are listed according to country and ministry type and include a photograph and brief description on each project. See the Project Giving Guide to get involved in a personal way with specific projects that will help missionaries in their ministry.

**BACK TO GOD HOUR - Christ and Credit:** Credit cards and loans are a normal part of our everyday lives, but they don't just affect our finances. They affect our mental and spiritual well being too. How can we make wise, biblically informed decisions about our finances? Find out on the Jan.17 Back to God Hour. Go to [www.BacktoGod.net](http://www.BacktoGod.net) for local stations and times.

**KIDS CORNER - A Fair Shake:** Liz has his very first job, but now he's worried that he is being treated unfairly. Is he? Find out on this week's Kids Corner. Then write to Kids Corner at Box 506, Worth IL 60482 for your very own Bible study.

**FAITH ALIVE - This Lent, walk with Jesus!** "Through Tears to Joy" features daily devotions that are ideal for personal, family, or congregational use. Only \$4.95US or less per copy—bulk pricing is available. Visit [www.FaithAliveResources.org](http://www.FaithAliveResources.org) or call 1-800-333-8300.

**CRWRC - Go on Spring Break with CRWRC-DRS!** Attention youth groups and families! Volunteer a week of service with CRWRC helping disaster survivors whose lives have been shattered by hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and fires. Give 'Em a Break! Your Spring Break! For information, call 1-800-848-5818 or email [drs@crwrc.org](mailto:drs@crwrc.org).

**CHICAGO CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER** is offering a support group, **WAITING in Still Waters**, for couples sharing the struggle of infertility. The group is facilitated by Rev. Marj Kooy, MDiv, BCC, and will meet in our Orland Park office the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month from 7:00 - 8:30pm. Cost \$25/session per couple. For registration/more info call (708) 845-5500 or go online at [www.chicagochristiancounseling.org](http://www.chicagochristiancounseling.org).

**Does your spouse or partner have a sexual addiction? Hooked on pornography? Are you feeling alone and wondering where to turn?** **CHICAGO CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER** is offering a therapy group, **Betrayal of the Heart**, for women whose spouse or partner has a sexual addiction. The group will meet in our Orland Park office for 6 weeks on Mondays, February 1 – March 8, 2010, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. A free initial individual session with facilitator Joy Bocanegra, MA, LPC will be scheduled to determine group eligibility. Cost \$55/session (Group therapy may be covered by your insurance.) Please call (708) 845-5500 to schedule your initial session or to find out more information.

**CHICAGO CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER** is co-facilitating an intensive weekend workshop for men called **Recovery JUMPStart**, designed to jumpstart the process of healing from sexually compulsive behavior. The workshop will be held in their Oak Park location February 5-7, 2010 and is co-facilitated by Bob Weaver, MDiv, MSW, LCSW, a Certified Sexual Addictions Therapist. Cost is \$600 which includes 4 meals, all study materials and books. For registration/more info call (708) 845-5500 or go online at [www.chicagochristiancounseling.org](http://www.chicagochristiancounseling.org).

**Does someone in your family suffer from addiction?** Perhaps they have begun treatment and are making progress. What about the toll the addiction has taken on the rest of the family? **CHICAGO CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER** is co-facilitating an intensive weekend workshop for families called **Family Recovery JUMPStart**, designed to jumpstart the process of healing from the affects of a family member's addiction. The workshop will be held in their Orland Park location March 5-7, 2010 and is co-facilitated by Bob Weaver, MDiv, MSW, LCSW. Cost is \$1300 which includes 4 meals, all study materials and books. For registration/more info call (708) 845-5500 or go online at [www.chicagochristiancounseling.org](http://www.chicagochristiancounseling.org).

Below you will find the **Mission Statement** of LCM. This is what we intend to be about and that for which we wish to be held accountable. Is it working for you? Let us know. Is it not working for you? By all means, speak to a member of our steering team and we will make adjustments. We firmly believe that this is what God has called and positioned us to do.

As People who belong to God we welcome you, accept you for who you are, and believe you are valuable to our community. To equip you for a life of security in God alone, we will pray with you, walk with you, study God's word with you, be accountable with you, and worship with you. You will be challenged to speak about the hope you have in Christ to an inquiring world. We will provide you with opportunities to show and tell of God's reconciling love.

**Pastor:** Timothy H. Douma **Steering Council:** Kristin VanEngen (Chair), Rebecca Reed, Corwin Will

**Treasurer:** Tim Wurpts

**Prayer Coordinator:** Lexi Wurpts

**Ministry Coordinator:** Jim Bosman

**Missionaries:** John Hoekwater - Rogers Park; John Zayas - Hermosa; Rosetta Polk-Pugh - Campus

**OFFICE SCHEDULE:** Office hours are by appointment, generally Monday through Thursday

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES** (Please call the church office for further information)

◇ Opportunities to help with Rogers Park and Hermosa Church Planting Ministries

◇ Volunteer commitment surveys are available at the church office.

**REGULAR MEETINGS:** ◇ The Steering Council meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

◇ The Worship Committee meets the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

◇ Small groups meet during the week throughout the city.

◇ You are invited to speak with Tim, or a member of the steering council about starting a new group