

Sunday, January 17, 2010
Second Sunday after Epiphany

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 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: God of Epiphany, of hiding and making known, fill our hearts with wonder at the revelation of your glory that we have seen in Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

* **Gathering Song:** Angels from the Realms of Glory (grey) PH #354, v.1-3

* **Responsive Reading**

Leader: We have come to praise God, who has done wonderful things among us.

People: In Jesus, the Christ, God has shown us love, giving light for our darkness, and strength for all our days.

Leader: Sing praise to God's name, bow before God in prayer, open your hearts to God's saving word.

People: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

* **Song of Adoration:** Arise, Shine, for Your Light Is Come (grey) PH #19

* **GOD GREETES 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.)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Confession

Song before confession: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (green) Sing! #77

**People: Almighty and merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you and one
another in both our actions and our inactions.
We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come,
yet often we choose to walk in shadow and ignore the light.
Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil
of darkness that shrouds our lives.
Illumine us by your word and sacrament,
so that we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory.**
(Silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The true light that gives light to every man came into the world. To all who have received him, to those who believe in his name, he has given the right to become children of God.

Friends, believe the good news!

All: *In Christ, we are forgiven.*

Song of Assurance: O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

(grey) PH #364, v. 1, 4, 5, 6

(pouring of the water of baptism)

CHILDREN'S SENDING

Leader: What is our prayer for these children?

People: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

Leader: God has called us out of darkness
into the glorious light of the Son.

Let us therefore pray for those who do not yet know the light
and for all those in need of prayers, saying,
"Lord, hear our prayer."

For the church and its ministry to the world,
and for all those who bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the
nations, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

[Silent prayer]

Leader: For the nations of the world and their leaders,
for all those in authority,
and for an end to war and oppression,
let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

[Silent prayer]

Leader: For those who have not heard the good news of salvation,
for those who have heard but have not believed,
and for those who have forsaken their faith,
let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

[Silent prayer]

Leader: For those who are lonely and destitute,
for victims of injustice and discrimination,
for those who are unloved and forgotten,
let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

[Silent prayer]

Leader: For those who are sick in mind, body, and spirit,
for those who are hungry and homeless,
for those who are dying or bereaved,
let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

[Silent prayer]

Leader: For the saints who have gone before us in the faith
and are now at rest, we give thanks to the Lord.
For all the saints on earth who surround us in a great fellowship of
love, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

[Silent prayer]

Leader: Loving God, hear the prayers of your faithful people
and guide our thoughts and actions,
so that your will may be done and your name glorified,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, **Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Leader: Lord God, help us to know your ways; teach us your paths. Lead us in
your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you
we wait all day long. Through Christ, Our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1–7 (*Bible page 602*)

Reader: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God

*** Gospel Reading**

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter

People: Glory to You, O Lord

Reader: Matthew Matthew 2:1–12 (*Bible page 783*)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Silent Moment for Reflection

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

NOTE: Next week there will be a special offering for Ministry Shares. Home Missions, highlighted on today's announcement sheet, is one of the causes supported by the MS program.

(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

*** Song of Preparation:** Of the Father's Love Begotten (grey) PH #342, v.1,4,5

THE COMMUNION (using the beige communion liturgy)

Songs during communion:

Jesus the Lord Said: I Am the Bread (green) Sing! #121

Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises (green) Sing! #261

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

*** Sending Song:** We Are Marching in the Light of God (green) Sing! #293
(verses: marching, praying)

*** Benediction**

*** Sending Song:** We Are Marching in the Light of God (green) Sing! #293
(verses: singing, dancing)

Announcements



LOOP CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Connecting people to God, God's people, and God's work in the world.

On the Move, in Step with the Spirit!

Worshipping @ Daystar School, 1550 S. State
 Office: 407 S. Dearborn, Ste. 240, Chicago, IL 60605
 (312) 427-7962 www.loopchurch.org

Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 17, 2010

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:** Abram VanEngen **Music:** Sonja Will

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
1/17/10	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
2/7/10	Steve	John & Lisa	Carrie	Jake A	John & Lisa	Abram	Megan H	Kristin & Paul

Calendar:

Date	Event	Time	Location
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
Thursday, February 4	Breakfast Club	7:00 – 8:00 AM	La Cocina
Saturday, February 6	VanEngen Baby Shower	12:30 – 3:00 PM	Home of Carolyn & Tim

Offering Update: January 10: Gen Fund: \$1,657.00, FYTD: \$62,283.08; FYTD Budget: \$75,651.48; Excess (shortfall): (\$13,368.40)

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. If you would like to submit a prayer request go to our website at www.loopchurch.org and click on the Prayer Requests link and follow the instructions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Contact 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.

There will be baby shower for the VanEngens on Saturday Feb 6th at 12:30 at the Douma's townhouse. All ladies are invited to join in celebration for the birth of Simon VanEngen. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Douma (cdouma@ameritech.net, 312/588-0544).

"The Breakfast Club" is meeting Thursdays at La Cocina, 406 S. Clark. Breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m. We are 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)

St. Olaf Choir to Perform at Trinity: Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, invites you to see the St. Olaf Choir on Friday, February 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ozinga Chapel. Founded in 1912 at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., the choir is internationally recognized as a creative force behind America's a cappella choral tradition. Conductor Anton Armstrong has designed an eclectic tour program of sacred and secular choral works both past and present. Tickets are available by calling Trinity's switchboard at 708.597.3000 or visiting www.stolaftickets.com.

A Midlife Momentum seminar is planned at Trinity Christian College March 12 (6:30-9:00pm) and March 13 (8:30am-3:00pm). Imagine the laughter and chatter as women gather to share their stories, challenges and joys of life in the middle years(ages 43-63). Experience the power of discovering we have been created for a purpose and God has great things in store. Join us for this seminar designed to give your life Spirit infused momentum. A tax deductible gift of \$75 is suggested. Not possible? Not a problem. For more information or to register call Dr. Holly Schut at 701-751-3238.

PRAYER REQUEST - Praise God for answered prayer. We asked you to pray for Japanese listeners who heard Back to God Ministries broadcasts and were referred to a local church for discipleship. Mr. Murakami began worshipping with the Reformed Church in Saki, accepted Jesus as his Savior, and was baptized in December! Pray for God's continued work in Mr. Murakami's life.

BACK TO GOD HOUR - Guidelines for Givers: Do you ever feel bombarded by appeals for giving? Or do you ever have a gnawing guilt that wonders if maybe you aren't giving enough money away? What's a Biblical approach to giving that allows us to feel confident about our level of stewardship? Find out on the Jan. 24 Back to God Hour. Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times.

KIDS CORNER - Black Cats and Sidewalk Cracks: Has anyone ever said, "Good luck" to you? Liz wants to discover if there is such a thing as being lucky. Help him figure it out on this week's Kids Corner. Then check out the Kids Corner website at www.kidscorner.net for stories, devotions, puzzles and more.

CALVIN COLLEGE - The next Festival of Faith and Writing will take place on Apr. 15-17. Speakers include Eugene Peterson, Parker Palmer, Kate DiCamillo, Mary Karr, Stephen Carter, Avi, Wally Lamb, and many, many others. Group discounts are available for book clubs and church-affiliated groups. Reserve your spot today by registering online at www.calvin.edu/festival. For more information, contact the Festival office by phone at 616.526.6770 or by e-mail at ffw@calvin.edu.

CRWRC Response To Haiti Earthquake - On January 12, a massive earthquake struck Haiti about 10 miles from the capital city where both CRWRC and CRWM staff are stationed. Praise God that all CRC missionaries and their families are safe. Financial donations are urgently needed to help CRWRC respond to the immediate and long-term needs of earthquake survivors. Gifts marked "Haiti Earthquake 2010" can be given online at www.crwrc.org, by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by sending a check to CRWRC, 2850 Kalamazoo Ave S.E, Grand Rapids, MI, 49560

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.

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.

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.

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