

Sunday, January 24, 2010
Third 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.**

Call to Worship: Christ, Be Our Light Duet

The Collect: Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

* **Gathering Song:** O Come, All Ye Faithful (grey) PH # 340 vs. 1,2,3

* **Responsive Reading** (*Isaiah 60:1-3*)

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: **For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;**

Leader: but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

People: **Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

* **Song of Adoration:** The People Who in Darkness Walked (grey) PH#192

* 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.)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Confession

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

Leader: God of grace, you have given us Jesus, the light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life. Baptize us with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may preach your Word to the nations and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever.

(Silence for a time of personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. *(1 John 1: 5-7)*

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Christ, we are forgiven.

Song: 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: O Jesus, light of the world, come into the dark places of this earth. You bring a light from God that only you can shed. Light eternal, your light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it. We bring to you the darkness of our world in war, starvation, cruelty, and exploitation. We bring to you the darkness of our earth, damaged and defaced by pollution. We bring to you the darkness of our nation, beset with conflict of race and class, religion and politics. We bring to you the darkness of our relationships, people not looking, not speaking, not listening, not forgiving. We bring to you the darkness of our own souls, hidden closets we have not visited or cleaned out for years.

(prayers of the people, spoken aloud or silently)

Leader: O Jesus, light of the world, be a morning star above for us, a radiance within, the shining all around that lets us live in love. Only then shall we be reflectors of your brightness and give glory to God in heaven. **Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination: Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus 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 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 and Special Offering for Ministry Shares

(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:** Out of the Depths I Cry (grey) PH #256

THE COMMUNION (using the beige communion liturgy)

Songs during communion:

Gift of Finest Wheat (grey) PH #300

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (grey) PH #252

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

* **Sending Song:** Go to the World! (green) Sing! #294 v. 1,2

* **Benediction**

* **Sending Song:** Go to the World! (green) Sing! #294 v. 3,4

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:** Abram VanEngen **Music:** Joanna Wigboldy

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
1/24/10	Daane	Tim & Lexi	Vera	John	Common Meal	Paul/Nancy	Betsy	Corwin & Paul
1/31/10	Steve	Michael & Yvana	Lexi	Claire	Matt & Vera	Megan H	Betsy	Kristin & Rebecca
2/7/10	Steve	John & Lisa	Carrie	Jake A	John & Lisa	Megan H	Abram	Kristin & Paul
2/14/10	Steve	Kyle & Joanna	Sharon	Rob H	Rob & Megan	Carrie	Abram	Corwin & Rebecca

Calendar:

Date	Event	Time	Location
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
Monday, February 8	Worship Team Meeting	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Chicago Semester
Sunday, February 14	SJOM Brown-bagging	11:15 – 11:45 AM	Daystar
Tuesday, February 16	SJOM Supper	6:15 – 8:00 PM	SJOM
Sunday, February 14	Chili Cook-off	11:30AM – 12:30PM	Daystar

Offering Update: January 17: Gen Fund: \$1,155.00, FYTD: \$63,438.08; FYTD Budget: \$78,353.32; Excess (shortfall): (\$14,915.24)
 Special Offering for CRWRC Haiti response: \$305.00

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. 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

Haitian Relief Benefit Concert at Trinity: Trinity Christian College will be hosting a Haitian Relief Benefit Concert on Friday, February 5, at 7 p.m. in the Ozinga Chapel featuring the Haitian a cappella group Supremacy 4. Trinity groups will also be performing. All proceeds will be distributed among a few well-established organizations, including the Quisqueya Christian School in Port-au-Prince. Trinity women's basketball coach Liz Metcalfe taught at the school, which, under God's protection, suffered no damage during the earthquake. The school has become an oasis amidst the devastation for orphans and the injured. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the door, online at www.trnity.edu, or by calling the switchboard at 708.597.3000. A free will offering will also be taken.

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 visiting www.stolaftickets.com or calling Trinity's switchboard at 708.597.3000.

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.

WORLD MISSIONS - Prayer for the Nations: In celebration of this year's Winter Olympics, Christian Reformed World Missions has created a five minute prayer video, highlighting ways to pray for countries represented in the Olympics and the ministries of CRWM. To download the video, visit www.crwmm.org/flags.

BACK TO GOD HOUR - Get your house in order: When we learn that people are coming to visit, many of us respond by quickly straightening up the house. We instinctively want things to be orderly for others. So does putting a house in order have anything to do with stewardship? Find out on the Jan. 31 Back to God Hour!

Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times.

KIDSCORNER - Hollywood: The school play is coming up. What job will Liz take? Director or lead role? Find out on this week's Kids Corner. Kids Corner is a member of the HisKids.net alliance--working together to provide quality entertainment for kids that is Christ-centered and Bible-based. Visit HisKids.net to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

Prayers and Funds Needed For Haiti - CRWRC disaster response staff and volunteers are in Haiti this week, distributing food, water, and shelter to earthquake survivors and preparing for a long-term effort that will include rebuilding homes. Thank you for the gifts already received to make this possible. Please continue to support CRWRC in Haiti with your prayers and gifts. For more information, visit www.crwrc.org or call 1-800-552-7972.

www.crcna.org/Haiti - This CRC "Help Haiti" page has the latest news, donation links, and background about our 30+ years of ministry as a denomination in Haiti. You can also follow developments at www.facebook.com/crcna or www.twitter.com/crcna.

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