

Sunday, February 7, 2010
Fifth 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: O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

* **Gathering Song** Come All You People (Green) Sing! #4

* **Responsive Reading** (*from the Heidelberg Catechism*)

Pastor: What do you believe when you say "I believe in God the Father almighty, who made the heavens and earth?"

People: We believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is our God and Father because of Christ his son.

Pastor: We trust him so much that we do not doubt he will provide whatever we need for body and soul, and he will turn to our good whatever adversity he sends in this sad world.

People: He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful father.

All: Praise the Lord!

* **Song of Adoration:** Sing a New Song (Green) Sing! #1

* **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

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Almighty God, you who shaped out of nothing all that is,
Forgive us for returning empty handed.
You who called forth light, forgive our preference for the dark.
You who sent John to be a voice crying,
forgive us for saying nothing at all.
You who directed the three disciple's fishing,
forgive us for not casting our nets for others.

**People: Create in us clean hearts, O God,
a renew a right spirit within us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart (Green) Sing! #49
(time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon *(based on Article 21 of the Belgic Confession)*

Leader: We rightly say with Paul that we "know nothing but Jesus
and him crucified;" we consider all things "as rubbish,
for the excellence of the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."
We find all comforts in his wounds and have no need to seek or
invent any other means to reconcile ourselves with God
than this one and only sacrifice, once made
which renders believers perfect forever.

Friends, believe the good news!

All: In Christ, we are forgiven.

Song of Assurance: In Christ Alone insert
(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: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and all whom you have made.

We thank you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of life, but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

We pray that you would give us such an awareness of your mercies that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days.

We pray, too, that we would come to you with our inner most longings and thanksgiving, trusting your promises to hear and answer us. And so, we now offer our prayers of thanksgiving and petition:

(a time for prayers spoken or offered silently)

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Song of Illumination: Holy Spirit, Mighty God (Grey) PH #278

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8 *(Bible page 553)*

Reader: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God

*** Gospel Reading**

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter

People: Glory to You, O Lord

Reader: Luke 5: 1-11 (*Bible page 836*)

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

(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: How Deep the Father's Love insert**

THE COMMUNION (using the beige communion liturgy)

Songs during communion:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts (green) Sing! #251

Holy, Holy, Holy, my Heart (green) Sing! #19

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

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

*** Benediction**

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

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:** Lugene Schemper **Music:** Barb Timmermans

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
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	Chili Cook-off	Carrie	Abram	Corwin & Rebecca
2/21/10	Ginny	Kristin & Abram	Lisa	Megan H	Rob & Megan	Carrie	Yvana/Mike	Rebecca & Paul
2/28/10	Ginny	Kevin & Mona	Rebecca	Matt VS	Wendy & Corwin	Erica	Yvana/Mike	Rebecca & Kristin

Calendar:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sunday, February 7	Adult Sunday School	8:45 – 9:30 AM	Daystar
Monday, February 8	Worship Team Meeting	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Chicago Semester
Thursday, February 11	Breakfast Club	7:00 – 8:00 AM	La Cocina
Sunday, February 14	Adult Sunday School	8:45 – 9:30 AM	Daystar
Sunday, February 14	SJOM Brown-bagging	11:15 – 11:45 AM	Daystar
Sunday, February 14	Chili Cook-off	11:30AM – 12:30PM	Daystar
Tuesday, February 16	SJOM Supper	6:15 – 8:00 PM	SJOM
Saturday, February 20	Volunteer at <i>New To You</i>	9:45 AM – 3:00 PM	1700 W Roosevelt Road
Tuesday, February 23	Steering Council Meeting	5:00 – 8:00 PM	Church Office
Sunday, February 28	Unity Meeting	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Daystar

Offering Update: January 31: Gen Fund: \$2,238.00, FYTD: \$68,013.08; FYTD Budget: \$83,756.99; Excess (shortfall): (\$15,743.91)

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.

HOT! HOT! HOT! Forget the chill – Remember the CHILI! Only 2 weeks until Loop's annual chili cook-off. Start planning to bring your favorite chili to share and compete for valuable prizes.

New To You Thrift Store - Loop Volunteers on behalf of Daystar School. Saturday, February 20. Volunteers will unload trucks, pack and unpack donations, put donated items on sales floor and general work supervised by staff employee. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up for a minimum of two hours. To sign up or ask questions, please contact Mona (mvankanegan@gmail.com, 312-733-7537). Volunteers can bring stuff to donate on volunteer day. 1700 W Roosevelt Road Broadview, IL 60155

Who is Jacques Ellul and Why Should 21st-Century People Care? Adult Sunday School, February 7 & 14 at 8:45 a.m. Come learn about Jacques Ellul (1912-1994), French Reformed lay theologian and professor of history of institutions and sociology at the University of Bordeaux, whose dozens of books range from critiques of technology, politics, and mass communications to biblical commentaries and studies on Christian ethics. **Coffee and donuts will be served.**

Chicagoland Disability Concerns Leadership Forum: During these tough economic times, families affected by a disability are especially hard hit. Learn what you can do as a church leader or concerned lay person. Come to the Chicagoland Disability Concerns Leadership Forum, Saturday, Feb. 27, 8:45-noon at Trinity Christian College Chapel-Grand Lobby. There is no charge, but please reserve a seat with Jan at 708-307-2370 or jvcsm@sbcglobal.net.

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.

BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL - Prayer request: Pray that God will use Back to God Ministries Spotlight programs to lead Okantha, a Buddhist monk in India, to a relationship with Jesus Christ. Okantha found the Spotlight website and was intrigued by its content. He calls himself "your pupil of the internet." Pray that Okantha would also become a disciple of Jesus Christ!

BACK TO GOD HOUR - Can I really be sure of my salvation? Jesus Christ died on the cross at Calvary to save all who believe in Him from their sins. A very true statement, but do you ever wonder, can God really love someone like me? Find out on the Feb. 14 Back to God Hour. Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times.

KIDS CORNER - Liz for the Win--1: Liz has a secret message to decode: to get your clue, go forward two, but to get it done, go back one. Liz needs your help to figure it out on this week's Kids Corner. Check out the Kids Corner website at www.kidscorner.net for stories, devotions, puzzles and more.

DISABILITY CONCERNS - On Feb. 27, from 8:45 a.m. to noon, Trinity Christian College will host The Chicago Disability Concerns Leadership Forum for church leaders as well as persons with disabilities and care givers. Participants will learn about the church's role in supporting families dealing with disabilities in an era of insufficient social services funding. Cost is free; please register to reserve a seat by contacting Jan at jvcsm@sbcglobal.net or call 708.307.2370.

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.

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.

Getting married? **CHICAGO CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER** is offering an 8 hour **one-day Pre-Marital Counseling Program** entitled **Building a Strong Marriage** at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church Saturday March 6, 2010. Wedding consultants say it takes between 60 – 80 hours to plan a one hour wedding, but how many hours do couples spend planning their marriage! Cost \$335 per couple. Register by March 1 by calling (708) 845-5500 x110 or go online at www.chicagochristiancounseling.org.

CBI PRESIDENT VISITS CAPITOL HILL: The Brennan Center for Justice invited Dr. David Schuringa to speak at a Senate Briefing on whether the Bible supports the right of ex-offenders to vote. Tristan Sweat investigates this controversial piece of legislation. Go to www.cbi.fm to listen to *Crossroad Connection*—a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

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