

Sunday, January 31, 2010
Fourth 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: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. **Amen.**

* **Gathering Song:** The King of Glory Comes (grey) PH #370
(children may come up to the front and join the percussion choir)

* **Responsive Reading** *(from Psalm 19)*

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

People: **Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

People: **In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom
from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.**

All: *Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.*

* **Song (of Adoration):** O Lord you are my Light (grey) PH #164

*** 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: O God, our guide, who once used a star to lead people to Christ,
we confess our poor sense of direction. We let ourselves become
confused, easily distracted, and lose our way. We fail to follow the
signs you provide. Forgive our waywardness, O God. Lead us to
the Christ so that we may follow his way to you. **AMEN.**

(Silence for a time of personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the
world. To all who have received him, to those who believe in his
name, he gave the right to become children of God.

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: God of glory, we seek your glory: the richness that transforms our drabness into color and brightens our dullness with vibrant light, your wonder and joy at the heart of all life. God incense, we offer you our prayer: our spoken and unspeakable longings our questionings of truth, our search for your mystery deep within. God of myrrh, we cry out to you in our suffering: the pain of all our rejections and bereavements, our baffled despair at undeserved suffering, our rage at continuing injustice. And we embrace you, God-with-us, in our wealth, in our yearning, in our anger and loss.
(prayers of the people, spoken aloud or silently)

Leader: Through Christ Jesus, the light of Epiphany, the light of the world we pray. **Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination: God of Epiphany, we long to hear your holy Word in fresh ways. Open our ears to the call of your voice. Open our eyes to the dawning of a new day. Fill us with anticipation for your future. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10 *(Bible page 609)*

Reader: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a *(Bible page 933)*

Reader: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God

*** Gospel Reading**

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord

Reader: Luke 4:14-30 *(Bible page 835)*

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:** Let us Talents and Tongues Employ (green) Sing! #258
(Children can come to the front to form a percussion choir)

THE COMMUNION (using the beige communion liturgy)

Songs during communion:

As we Walk Along Beside you (grey) PH #299

Eat This Bread (green) Sing! #254

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

* **Sending Song:** When Morning Gilds the Sky (grey) PH #438 v. 1,2,3

* **Benediction**

* **Sending Song:** When Morning Gilds the Sky (grey) PH #438 v. 4,5

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:** Wendy Will **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
1/31/10	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	Chili Cook-off	Carrie	Abram	Corwin & Rebecca
2/21/10	Ginny	Kristin & Abram	Lisa	Megan H	Rob & Megan	Carrie	Yvana/Mike	Rebecca & Paul

Calendar:

Date	Event	Time	Location
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
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
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

Offering Update: January 24: Gen Fund: \$2,337.00, FYTD: \$65,775.08; FYTD Budget: \$81,055.15; Excess (shortfall): (\$15,280.07)
 Special Offering for Ministry Shares: \$468.00

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 this 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).

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.

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.**

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. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the door, online at www.trnty.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.

PRAYER REQUEST - Praise God for the distribution of 8,000 special Christmas Cada Dia (Spanish Today) devotional booklets through churches in Cuba. Pray that this evangelism tool will help disciple many people in this country where Christian literature is difficult to obtain.

BACK TO GOD HOUR - Why isn't my Christian life more dynamic? Do you experience a gnawing, frustrating feeling that your Christian life should be more fruitful, more dynamic? If so, what can you do about that? Find out on the February 7th Back to God Hour. Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times.

KIDS CORNER - Debt valley: Liz is in huge trouble! He borrowed money from Skink and can't pay him back. Help Liz figure out what to do 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

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.

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.

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