

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

2 May 2021

Welcome! If you are visiting this morning, we're glad to have you with us today. Due to COVID, we are asking that everyone sits only in the pews with cushions, and does their best to maintain social distancing in the rows. As well, we're asking everyone to wear their masks over their nose and mouth throughout the service, if you are able. We're eager to worship the Lord together, but we want to do so wisely!

Ahaz had a choice. He could trust God, or he could trust his own ability. This morning we'll explore why it is, when life is out of control, that we often trust ourselves, more than we trust God. We'll see that our faith in God calls us to trust Him no matter what comes our way.

Order of worship

Prelude *Because He Lives*
Worship Team

Welcome

Call to Worship

Singing *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
The Church's One Foundation
It Is Well (When Peace Like a River)

Kingdom Prayers

Message THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE PROPHETS –
Rev. Eric Schalk STAND FIRM
Isaiah 7

Communion

Singing *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at Fourth

Today	Greeters Mary Kay Townley Next week: Julie Schalk
	Coffee Bob & Connie Scherpenisse Next week: Etta Denbesten
	6:30 PM High School Youth Group
Tuesday	10:00 AM Women's Bible Study <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i> 6:30 PM Deacons/Elders <i>those who feel led to confess their faith, desire baptism or transfer, are encouraged to contact Pastor Eric</i>
	7:30 PM Consistory Meets
Wednesday	6:30 AM Dude's Group <i>meets at New Beginnings on Michigan Street, or join us via Zoom by contacting Aaron Wetzal for the link</i>
	7:00 PM Men's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i>
Thursday	10:00 AM Knitting Group <i>in the Fireside room</i>
Saturday	7:30 AM Gather Men's Group <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i>

Praise & Prayer

Please be in prayer for **Pastor Eric** as he continues to regain his strength from COVID. Pray for Julie and Josh as they also recover, and please pray that the rest of the family continues to stay healthy. Also pray for **Caren Bills and family** as they recover from COVID.

Please be in prayer for **Nancy Brinks** as she undergoes a lumpectomy surgery tomorrow to remove her breast cancer. Also pray for **Mike Brinks** as he undergoes a sleep study on Wednesday.

National Day of Prayer is this Thursday, May 6. We encourage you to spend time praying for our God to bring revival to His church, and pray that God would send His Spirit to give faith to those who are lost.

Announcements

Communion

This morning, we will celebrate communion together. As you came in this morning, you hopefully saw the table with the pre-packaged cups and wafers. Please hang on to this until we celebrate communion later in the service.

Missionaries of the Month – The Foundry

The church is called to live and proclaim the good news of the gospel of Jesus. To do this, the church needs disciples who are rooted in their faith and leaders who are equipped for the challenges of ministry today. But many churches lack intentional learning pathways for equipping disciples and raising up leaders. That's where The Foundry comes in. The Foundry partners with churches to provide customized training that is biblical and practical for leaders at every level. Branson Parler, Jeff Fisher, and Sarah Behm are experienced Bible and ministry educators who are starting The Foundry, a ministry that serves the church by providing teaching and equipping for leaders at every level. This ranges from one-time training interactions to ongoing integration into the discipleship and leadership development of local churches. Branson will share more about this ministry throughout the month of May. They are so grateful for the support of the Fourth family as they launch this new endeavor that seeks to truly serve the church of Jesus Christ! Offerings to support The Foundry can be given any time throughout the month of May.

High School

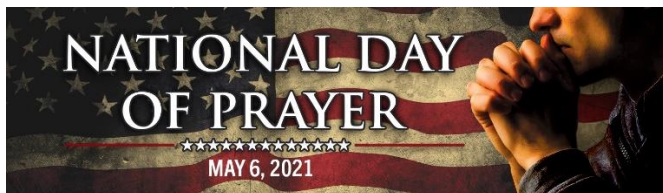
We are back in person this week, from 6:30-8:00. Come on out for a great night of fun and community together. Check your temperatures, wear your mask, get vaccinated if you can and come on out.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

We are planning on resuming our Tuesday morning Bible Study beginning this Tuesday, May 4 at 10:00am. We will be following protocols and meeting in the fellowship hall. We will be studying 1 and 2 Peter and Jude. If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Schuur.

Coffee Servers Needed

If you would be willing to take a Sunday to serve coffee and church purchased juice boxes on the patio after our morning worship service, please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex. Coffee will be made and serving tables will be brought out to the patio, you will only need to bring the coffee, cream, sugar, cups and juice boxes out to the patio, serve and clean up afterwards! Your help with this would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work!



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Empowered by the Spirit
to **follow** Jesus together, **serve** others,
and **share** God's love.
