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**SO GREAT A
SALVATION**

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**THE GOSPEL
THAT JESUS PREACHED**

*"How shall we escape
if we neglect so great a salvation?"*

Hebrews 2:3

MARK 1:14-15



NOVEMBER 24, 2024

We are delighted that you are here to worship with us today.
Miss a service, want to watch a sermon again? Our services are broadcasted
live on our YouTube Channel (Sibley First Reformed Church).

Glorify God With Worship!

9:00 am Praise and Worship Service

Prelude: Ger Van Diepen

WELCOME & MINUTE FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP - MARK 1:14-15

SONG: "BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE"

SONG: "TURN YOUR EYES"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

****CHILDREN AND WORSHIP DISMISSED****

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 13:31-33

MESSAGE: *SO GREAT A SALVATION: THE GOSPEL JESUS PREACHED*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER - DALE HONKEN

BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)

SONG: "REDEEMED" #309

BENEDICTION

CLOSING: SONG:

"THANKS TO GOD FOR MY REDEEMER" #587 vs 1

Happening This Week

Sunday, November 24:

- **8:20 am: Joyful Voices Choir Practice**
- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian concludes the series, So Great a Salvation, with today's message: "The Gospel that Jesus Preached" based on Matthew 13:31-33. We thank the Joyful Voices Choir for providing us with Special Music this morning. Today, we also have the privilege of welcoming Derek Ackerman and Karen Keiper into the membership of FRC.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School for ages 4-103**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet at church**

Tuesday, November 26:

- **8:30 am: Quilters will meet today**
- **5:00 pm: Outreach Team will gather to work on Parade Float**

Wednesday, November 27:

- **No Bible Classes or Youth Groups**
- **6:30 pm: Thanksgiving Eve Service** Greeters:-- E: Brian and Chelsey Alexander/family; C: Kim Alsip/family; W: Bobby and Dee Baker. Tonight's message is "All is Gift" based on Psalm 104.

Thursday, November 28:

- **Happy Thanksgiving! Church offices are closed today.**

Saturday, November 30:

- **5:30 pm: Sibley Downtown Christmas Parade**

Sunday, December 1:

- **8:20 am: Joyful Voices Choir Practice**
- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian begins his Advent series, Destroying the Works of the Devil, with today's message: "Rapture" based on Genesis 1:1-3. We thank the Joyful Voices Choir for assisting with worship as well as the Derek and Megan Ackerman family for lighting the Advent candle today.
- **No Sunday School today**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet at church**

Mark Your Calendars

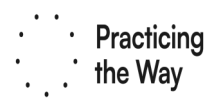
December 2-13: FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels

December 4: 6:30pm Joyful Voices Choir will practice with students

December 8: 5:30pm Children's Christmas Program

December 9: 6:00 pm Elder/Deacon Meetings
7:00 pm Supper followed by Full Consistory (no pun intended)
 All newly elected Elders and Deacons are encouraged to attend the December meetings as many housekeeping items will be discussed.

December 11: 6:30 Remnant Evangelism Night



Practicing
the Way

Beginning February 2, we will begin the program, **Practicing the Way**, during the Sunday School hour. The Practicing the Way study is designed to introduce the participant to living a Christ-like changed life. For more details please see Pastor Brian.



First Reformed Church is responsible for Meals on Wheels for **December 2-13th**. Please stop at the Information Center to volunteer.



The **FRC Annual Christmas Program** will be held on December 8 at 5:30pm. If you would like your child in the program and they have not received a "piece" by the end of this week, please contact either Jena Ver Steeg, Megan Loerts, or Sarah Loerts.



The **Sharing Christmas Families** are now posted in the Fellowship Hall. All gifts are to be returned to church by December 8, wrapped, with the family number and individual clearly marked on the gift.(example: Family #6 Child 4 years old). Please stop by any time and check off the items you wish to purchase for the families. Thanks!!!!



Book of the Week

Loyally, Luke
 By
 Pepper Basham

Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests

Sibley First Presbyterian Church hosts the community Thanksgiving Day Dinner, with all the trimmings, on **Thursday, November 28, at noon**, in the church fellowship hall. Please don't sit home alone on this special holiday. Come, and enjoy a delicious dinner with your neighbors and friends. There is no charge or freewill offering. Carry-outs for the homebound only. If anyone who is homebound has no one to pick up their meal, we will deliver only in that circumstance. If anyone would like to help prepare, serve, or clean-up after the meal, please contact Dean Popkes at 712-461-1235. Thank you.

You are invited to a book sale at the Ag Pavilion at the Osceola County Fairgrounds on **November 30th from 9am-2pm and December 7th from 10am-3pm**. Books, games, CDs and DVDs for everyone!

Join the Sibley-Ocheyedan FFA chapter, Ocheyedan Methodist church and Sibley First Reformed Church on **December 2 from 5:30-8:00pm** in the High School Commons for a meal and silent auction. All proceeds will go to the Travaille family for help with medical expenses.

****We will have a table available on November 24 to collect donations for the silent auction. Be creative (Gift baskets, Gift cards, homemade items, etc.) Thanks in advance for your thoughtful donations!*

Team Trinity's Christmas Gift and Bake Sale will be held on **December 7 from 8am -1pm** at Trinity Lutheran Church. Please come and help Team Trinity raise money for the American Cancer Society! Thanks!!



Radiate Haiti Ministries is collecting donations for holiday meal kits to support families in need who are experiencing food insecurity. What a wonderful opportunity to gift a meal to a family in Haiti. About \$50 will provide a meal kit and will be distributed to families around Christmas and into the New Year. Let's come together to spread joy and nourishment this holiday season! Thank you for your prayers, generosity and support.

Donations are due Sunday, December 8th.

Please mail your donations to:

**Radiate Haiti Ministries, c/o Kelsey & Elesson Joseph,
404 Main St., Hospers, IA 51238**

For check donations, kindly make them payable to Radiate Haiti Ministries.

Sermon Notes:

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In Our Prayers...

If you have a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Brian or your District Elder or Deacon. You may also contact the church office or Jamie's cell if you would like a prayer chain started. Remember, we cannot print your name or send a prayer chain unless you have granted FRC permission to do so. If you have a prayer request you would like included in the bulletin/announcements, please contact the office.

Pray For:

- **Those in assisted living:** Wilma Hatting, Jane Buysman, Ellen Schram, Anita Ernst, Trudy Dykstra, Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn, Ethel Jurgens, and Margaret Calsbeek
- **Our nursing home residents:** Martha Krikke and Marlys Brink
- **Our Missionaries:** Dr. Bernadeth Kelly and Adrian Bobb, Sayuri Kist-Okazaki, Brian and Donna Renes, J.J. and Tim TenClay, Rowland and Jane Van Es, Grace Covenant Ministries and Jeff and Chelsea Lampen

Pray For:

- **All those** who have lost loved ones.
- **Our Church** as we seek God's will
- **Our Country** and its Leaders.
- **All those who have had** illnesses and surgeries and health issues.
- **Pray for healing for:** Donna Kleinwolterink, Larry Riebeling, Merlyn Janssen, Margaret Travaille, Mike Block, Gary Wolter, Dick Oldenkamp, LeRoy DeBoer, Mandie Sprock, and Melanie Schiphoff.
- **Prayers of peace for:** LeRoy Stevenson
- **Russell Gaalswyk** is a patient in a Sioux Falls hospital with a broken femur and hip. He has already undergone a couple surgeries and is expected to move to the rehab unit for physical therapy soon. Please pray for patience as quick healing for Russell.
- **Donna Kleinwolterink** was able to return home from the hospital. Recovery is going well as she continues to do outpatient therapy at ORHC. Thank you for all your prayers.

Words of Thanks

Thank you to Mark and Scott Hulstein for digging up the volunteer spirea shrubs and for the nice visit afterwards. You are appreciated!

~~Lynn Schram

Thank you for all the help, calls, cards, food, visits and most of all, your prayers for healing and patience during my recovery from surgery. Please continue to pray that my surgery was successful. I'm really blessed with a loving Church family.

~~Jodene "Beanie" Kruse

Faith In Action for November



**Thank you for
your generous
donations!**

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings November 17: General-\$8101.60; Benevolent-\$240; Building-\$25; Sharing Christmas Families-\$180.

Special offering for November is Sharing Christmas Families
Attendance Last Sunday: 196

Offering Summary Through October:

General Fund Offerings: \$291,312.87 | Budget: \$443,532.29

Benevolent Fund Offerings: \$13,405.81 | Budget: 68,275.23

Avg. monthly offering needed: \$42,650 | Total Ben/Gen offering for Oct.: \$28792.97

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: November 24	Next Week: December 1
Greeters:	E: Lawrence and Ruth Ann Wiersma C: Ryan Wiersma W: Derek and Megan Ackerman/family	E: Gretchen Bartelson C: Tony and Jamiey Bevers/family W: Davis and Kristen Beyer/family
Worship Nursery:	Abby and Joselyn DeZeeuw	Teresa Hurlburt & Maria Mans
C&W Leader	Deb Kusters	No Children and Worship
Library:	Gert Gaalswyk	Jan Henrichs
Coffee:	Bill and LaDonn Hartzell	Dwayne and Janice Heikes

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***Announcements are due by Wed. noon.
***Bulletins are available by the sanctuary
doors no earlier than Thursday at 2:00pm