



Trial & Denial

Mark 14:53-72



MARCH 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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: JOYFUL VOICES CHOIR

SONG: "HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA" #233
(CHILDREN WILL ENTER WAVING PALM BRANCHES)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE

COMMUNION PREPARATORY

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP ARE DISMISSED

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PRAYER CONCERNS - GREG KOSTERS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)

SONG: "AMAZING GRACE, MY CHAINS ARE GONE"

BENEDICTION

CLOSING: "WORTHY IS THE LAMB" #244

Happening This Week

Sunday, March 24:

- **8:20 am Joyful Voices Choir** will practice
- **9:00 am: Palm Sunday Praise and Worship Service.** This morning, Pastor Troy will share his message "Trial and Denial" based on Mark 14:53-72. We thank the Joyful Voices Choir for providing our special music this morning and the children for waving palm branches. Today we will also have communion preparatory to help prepare us to partake in the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, March 28th.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School** for 3-103
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30 pm: Fellowship Bible Studies**

Monday, March 25-29:

- **FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels**

Tuesday, March 26:

- **8:30 am: Quilters will meet** in the Fireside Room

Wednesday, March 27:

- **Bible Classes and Youth Groups**
 - 6:30 pm: Bible Classes for 1st-5th Grades will meet.
 - 6:30 pm: MS Remnant will meet
 - 7:30 pm: HS Remnant will meet

Thursday, March 28:

- **6:30 pm: Maundy Thursday Service** with Communion; Greeters--E: Joel and Kathy Verdoorn; C: Roger Verdoorn; W: Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar. Offering taken will go toward Benevolent expenses.

Friday, March 29:

- **5, 7, 9 pm Passion Play** at Sibley-Ocheyedan High School

Sunday, March 31:

- **7:00 am: Easter Sunrise Service**
- **7:45 am: Fellowship Brunch**
- **9:00 am: Easter Praise and Worship Service.** He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!! This morning, Pastor Troy will share his message "He is Risen, He is Not Here" based on Mark 16:1-8. Today we have the privilege of witnessing the sacrament of Infant Baptism for Sydney Elaine Ackerman, daughter of Derek and Megan Ackerman. There will not be Children and Worship Today.
- **No Sunday School**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30 pm: Fellowship Bible Studies**


Mark Your Calendars


April 1-5: FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels

Pastoral Candidate, Pastor Brian Carpenter, along with his wife Laura and daughters Evelyn and Jordan will be visiting our church on the weekend of April 5-7. The Carpenter family will arrive late Friday night in Sibley. Saturday will be filled with a tour of Sibley and surrounding areas, a meeting with Consistory members and a Congregational Potluck which begins at 5. Sunday morning, Pastor Brian will be leading our worship service followed by a time of Coffee and Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. An informational bio has been placed in your mailboxes.


Congregational Potluck!! To help the Congregation get to know Pastor Brian and his family, we will be hosting a potluck supper beginning at 5pm on Saturday, April 6. We ask that congregation members with a LAST name that starts with A-L to please bring a side dish of some kind. If your LAST name starts with M-Z, please bring a dessert. We ask that all food items be delivered to the kitchen by 5pm on Saturday. If you have any questions please contact Josh Lucas or Ron Dykstra. **Please save this date so we have a great turn out to welcome Pastor Brian and his family.**

Special Congregational Meeting!! A Special Congregational meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00pm.** Please make every effort to attend.

 **A Profession of Faith Retreat** will be held here on **Sunday, March 24 from 11:30-2pm** for anyone interested in making profession of faith. This retreat is designed to help you walk through the process and by the end of the day be able to assist you with your public profession of faith, if you desire. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Troy or Josh Lucas.

 **Palm Sunday** Children ages 3yrs-5th grade are encouraged to help out on today, **Palm Sunday** by waving Palm branches during the first song of the worship service. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall prior to the start of worship. Following the procession of palm branches children will sit with their families. Thanks in advance for your participation!!


 **FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels** for the weeks of **March 25-29 and April 1-5.** Please sign up on the Information Center to help out.


 **Help us beautify the sanctuary this Easter.** Purchase flowers from any florist/location and have them delivered to the church or **deliver them** yourselves **by Saturday, March 30.** Someone will be present Saturday between 9 and 11 am. If you wish, you may include a note with the flowers if you are bringing them in memory of a loved one or are celebrating a special occasion. Flowers can then be picked back up following the 9:00 a.m. service on Easter morning.


News you Need to Know


Get your tickets now! The 38th OCMA Good Friday Passion Play will feature three show times **(5, 7 and 9pm) on March 29** at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School Auditorium. FREE TICKETS are available and may be reserved by calling (712)754-2945 or by emailing ocmapassionplay@gmail.com.

You are needed! The production does not happen on its own. People are needed to be actors, to help backstage, to help with putting up the sets and taking them down, with ushering, with makeup, with music, and the list goes on. If you would like to participate, please call Peg or Curt Van Kley at 712-754-2945, Keith Zylstra at 712-261-2378, or Becky Krogman at 712-754-2967 so that your name can be included in the program.

 **Warm weather has arrived and its time to get those yards cleaned up.** If there is anything you need cleaned up or fixed now that the beautiful weather upon us let Mark Hulstein or any member of the Congregational Care Team or the church office know and we will get the work done!!!!

 **Crosses for Easter.** Larry DeBoer would like help locating old railroad spikes and horseshoes that he will use to make crosses. If you have either of these items to give away, please call Larry to arrange pick up (461-2534). Items can also be dropped off at church by the coat rack across from the secretary's door.

 **The Worship Ministry Team** is staffing the nursery for use during the 9am worship services between today and May 26. If you are interested in helping our young families in this way, please contact Peg Van Kley. Thank You!

 **The Congregational Care team** would like to bring back the Church Visitation Team and begin calling on our shut-ins in our church family again. If you are willing to serve in this way, please sign up at the information center by the end of this month. You will be given some guidelines and suggestions for making your calls. Lets extend our love to all who cannot be here in person! Questions? Talk to Mark Hulstein or Lois Van Diepen.

A few copies of the "Rationale for Leaving RCA" letter that was read last week, have been placed on the Information Center.

Sermon Notes:

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Book of the Week



**BREAKING
FREE**

By:
Jennifer
Slattery

In Our Prayers...

If you have a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Troy Van Beek 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 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:** Ellen Schram, Anita Ernst, Trudy Dykstra, Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn, Ethel Jurgens, and Margaret Calsbeek
- **Our nursing home residents:** Gert Gaalswyk, Martha Krikke, Jane Buysman, Donna Sterler 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

Pray For:

- **All those** who have lost loved ones.
- **Our Church** as we seek God's will with our future decisions
- **Our Country** and its Leaders.
- **All those who have had** illnesses and surgeries and/or deal with health issues.
- **Wilma Loerts** was admitted to the hospital in Sioux Falls this past week with pneumonia. Please pray that she may quickly recover and return home. Pray for continued healing for her kidney as well.
- **Roger and Carol Iedema's daughter-in-law, Trisha**, was able to return home on March 15. Please continue to pray for no infection and quick healing for her.
- **LeRoy DeBoer** was diagnosed with a blood cancer a year ago and is now having kidney issues. Please pray that his health, with the help of his medications, can remain stable.

Words of Thanks

Thank you to the students who delivered the Valentines items and the Congregational Care Team for the goodie bag. It is so nice to be thought of. Thank you also to everyone for all the thoughts and prayers, visits, gifts and concerns after my fall. I have been able to have the brace removed and if everything works out, I hope to return home soon.

~~Gert Gaalswyk

Faith In Action for March Nursing Home Items



This month, we are encouraging everyone - children through 90 year olds - to bring at least one item for the residents of our two local nursing homes. Sibley Rehab needs items for bingo prizes: Little Debbie or other individually wrapped snacks and candy bars. Country View needs items for their general store: jewelry, small knick-knacks, shaving cream, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste & brushes, hard candies, etc.

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings taken on March 17: General-\$6959; Benevolent-\$115; Building-\$0; Bible League-\$300.

Special Offering for March is Bible League

Attendance Last Sunday: 178

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: March 24	Next Week: March 31
Greeters:	E: Harvey and Marcia Van Ruler C: Jim and Jena Ver Steeg/family W: Bryan Verdoorn	E: AJ and Jenny Weg/family C: Lawrence and Ruth Ann Wiersma W: Ryan Wiersma
Worship Nursery:	Maureen and Amelia Heilman	Nursery open but unstaffed today
S. School Nursery:	Teresa Hurlburt and Peg Van Kley	No Sunday School Today
C&W Leader	Deb Kosters	No Children and Worship Today
Library:	Jeannette Juffer	Leona Meendering
Coffee:	Larry and Rhonda Riebeling	Ted and Eileen Schutte



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Hours: Mon & Thurs. 8am -2 pm

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