

Neland Avenue

Christian Reformed Church

There's a place for you at Neland



MORNING WORSHIP

10 A.M. April 14, 2024

As our Easter celebration continues, we rejoice in our baptism in Christ. Our loving Savior meets us where we are – in the midst of our worship *and* all our fears, doubts, and worries – inviting our questions, and embodying just what we need.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ is alive and brings good news.

Christ speaks peace to his people.

Alleluia!

*Gathering Song: “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” 206:1,2,3,5

*God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Song: “What the Lord Has Done in Me”

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CELEBRATING OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

The Baptism of Zoritza Aleksandra Hendrikje Simić

God’s Promises to His Children

The Bible’s Teaching About Baptism

Prayer of Confession and Preparation

Song of Faith: “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Sung by Erich, Elfriede, and Josephine Toman

Our Promises to God and to Each Other

Do you, the people of the Lord, promise to receive Zoritza in love, pray for her, help instruct her in the faith, and encourage and sustain her in the fellowship of believer?

We do, God helping us.

*The Apostles' Creed

The Sacrament of Baptism

Song of Praise: "Sing! A New Creation"

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Children's Prayer and Blessing

Leader: What is our prayer for these children and their leaders?

Congregation: **The Lord be with you.**

Children: And also with you.

(Children ages 3-5 may go to Church School, and in grades K-2 may go to Children and Worship.)

Prayers of the People and Prayer for Illumination

with "He Is Lord"

227:1,2,4

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31 (p.1686)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Raising Doubts and Doubters"

*Song of Response: "Were I the Perfect Child of God"+

**Were I the perfect child of God
whose faith was deep and love was broad,
not doubtful, guilty, worn, or flawed, I'd gladly follow Jesus.
But I'm the child of what I've been,
estranged by much I've done and seen,
afraid to show the love I mean, unfit to follow Jesus.**

**Yet God, who knows me first and last,
who's seen my best, my worst, my past,
has shown his love intense and vast by meeting me in Jesus.
For Christ, though killed at Calvary by sins like mine and folk like me,
has ris'n, forgiv'n, and set me free, made fit to follow Jesus**

**Then sprinkle water on my brow as, in this place, I make my vow
to own and love my Savior now and give myself to Jesus.
God grant me what I still require that I, with others, might inspire
the hidden hope, the deep desire to love and follow Jesus.**

Offering

(Our weekly offering envelopes and financial gifts are for the General Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Mission Fund. They can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, or given electronically. This week, we offer special gifts for Crossroads Prison Ministries.

- *Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 964
- *Song: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" 946
- *God's Blessing
- *Postlude

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Participants: Chris Snyder, service accompanist; Cindy de Jong, liturgist
Marilyn Strobel, prayers of the people; Joel DeMoor, preacher
Singers: Elfie, Josie, Erich Toman; accompanist Helen Simić
Matthew Snyder, Ed de Jong, Randy Hoekstra; AV team



Hearing Loop System available; switch hearing aid to T-coil.

Welcome to Neland

A warm welcome to all who worship with us today!

Mission Statement

Believing that the grace of God, the sacrificial love of Jesus, and the powerful gift of the Holy Spirit are at work in the world, and also in us, Neland Church seeks to be a community of hope where all will experience and extend the deep welcome of Christ.

During the service:

- Children's Worship Guide: "Welcome to Worship" (with children K-5th grade in mind) is available at the doors. It highlights specific elements and themes of the service each week.


After the Service:

- You are welcome to fellowship in the Lobby.

For easy access to our livestream services, you can "like" and subscribe/follow each of our social media channels!

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