

The Invitation

We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. You may partake at the table or take it back to your seats to partake there.

Communion Song: "Jesus, Strong and Kind"

1. **Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.**

No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

2. **Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.**

No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.

Chorus:

For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.

We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

3. **Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.**

No one else can be my shield. I should come to him. (to chorus)

4. **Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me.**

And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me. (to chorus)

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Communion Song: "Gift of Finest Wheat"

LUYH 815:2,3,5

We Are Sent as Disciples

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Lift High the Cross"

LUYH 264:1,2,4

Postlude: "The Gift of Love"

J. Linker

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee ♦ Reader: Meghan Vos

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Hearing Assistance

A telecoil hearing-loop system sends a signal into the sanctuary. If your hearing aid is t-coil equipped, try switching to the t-coil receiver. An FM hearing assistance system is also available for ears without hearing aids. Consult the sound operator for assistance.



Second Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023



A Table in the Wilderness

Exodus 16:11-12

The Lord spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

God Gathers Us

Prelude: “Lift High the Cross” D. Busarow

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 78:1-4 p.914

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.
**We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
his power, and the wonders he has done.**

*Song: “We Will Extol You, God and King” LUYH 562:1-3

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer” LUYH 43

We Journey into the Wilderness

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: Psalm 105:40-43, John 3:16 p.944, 1650

Offering Announcement

Offering our gifts is an important part of our response to God—connecting our worship with a life of discipleship—and is a way to participate in the ministry of Covenant CRC here in this building and around the world. Offering boxes are located at the entrances to the sanctuary, or check your bulletin announcements for more ways to give.

Prayers for the Church and World

God Feeds Us with His Word

Children’s Blessing: “Taste and See” LUYH 817 (chorus)

Leader & Congregation: **The Lord be with you.**
Kids & Helpers: And also with you.

Leader & Congregation: **God bless you as you worship.**

Kids & Helpers: God bless you as you worship.

Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to go downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Song of Illumination: “Speak to Us”

1. Can God make a feast in the wilderness?

O Lord, can you give us bread?

**We’ve seen the waters that flowed from the rock,
but we are hungry again; Lord we are hungry again.**

*Chorus: Speak to us in our need; speak to us in our hunger;
Lord, please help us to see you’re the food that we long for.
Speak to us, speak to us, O Lord...*

**2. We work for the bread that the world can give,
for food that will not satisfy.**

**O come instead to the table of God
and eat the true bread of life;**

come eat the true bread of life. (to chorus)

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Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:1-12 p.112

Message: “Training Toward Glory” Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: “Christ, the Life of All the Living” LUYH 137

God Provides a Table in the Wilderness

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**