Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

March 2, 2014

Rev. Sam Boldenow, Pastor Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE "Amazing Grace" L. Cornwall, Piano

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

VOTUM

INTROIT "Come, Let Us Worship the Lord" Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

II Samuel 22:2-4

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation.

He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior—
from violent men you save me.
I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise,
and I am saved from my enemies.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #303

"Be Thou My Vision"

*SALUTATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Psalm 103:8,13-14,17-18

LAW OF GOD Romans 12:1-13

RESPONSIVE READING Ephesians 2:4-10 (Unison)

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved,

through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"

Courtney

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Psalm 48

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP

*HYMN "How Great Thou Art" (back of bulletin)

SERMON "What Is In These Walls?"

Our Response to God

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

Larson

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #213

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

"Amen"

Carter

*POSTLUDE

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: Walt & Lucy Paradies

<u>Ushers</u>: Walt & Lucy Paradies, John & Sandi Torrant

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship:

Next week's stewards (March 9):

Greeters: June & Jeff DeWitt

<u>Ushers</u>: Barbara Araromi, Clair Coddington, Chris Forte, Liz White

<u>Nursery</u>: Vicki, Renee & Natalie Sherwood Fellowship: Barbara Nickel & Nancy Dey

WE WELCOME OUR GUEST MINISTER

We are pleased to have Pastor Sam Boldenow leading us in Worship this morning as Pastor Chuck is on vacation this week. Pastor Sam Boldenow was recently ordained as a Christian Reformed minister after graduating from Calvin Theological Seminary. He currently is the campus Minister at NC State University. We welcome him to our pulpit today.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

We are happy to have Doug Sonderfan sharing in the worship service this morning. There is a signup sheet in the narthex for Worship Assistants for the coming several months.

EMPTY NESTERS

Plan to join the Empty Nesters for their monthly dinner outing this Tuesday, March 4th, at 6:30 p.m. at Lubrano's Italian Restaurant on Chapel Hill Road in Morrisville. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

MARDI GRAS

On Saturday, March 9th, we are having a Mardi Gras celebration!! Pastor Chuck will be preparing a delicious meal of Gumbo, salad, bread and, of course, bread pudding. Dinner will start at 6:30. Come for a time of food, fun and fellowship. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.

PIG PICKIN'

Mark your calendars for a pig pickin' on March 15 at the church. A group of youth and youth leaders from the Cornerstone Christian Reformed Church in British Columbia will be coming to our area in March for a mission trip and will be working alongside some of us for projects in the area. This activity is made possible through the contacts of Mark Knetsch. The mission team will be sponsoring a pig pickin' here at the church on Saturday, March 15 and you are invited. It will start in the late afternoon around 5:30; the exact time is to be determined later. Check out the next issue of the Family Times for more information.

FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are: cereal, sugar, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, canned milk, jelly, ramen noodles, beef stew, chili, condiments like ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hot sauce. They could also use laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels and toilet paper.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!