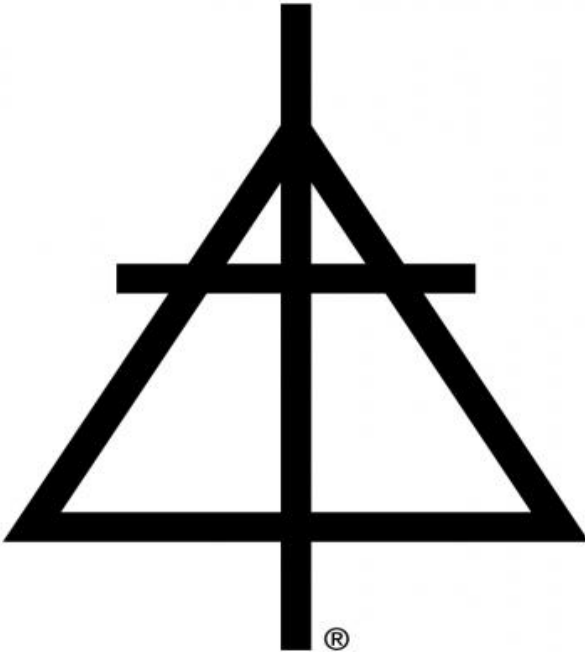


PEACE CHRISTIAN
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Menno, SD

February 14, 2021

Organist Alita Guthmiller

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Jack Gray

***Opening-** all responsive readings in today's service are on screen

Hymn: Red 53 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" v. 1, 3

Confession and Assurance

Hymn: Blue 481 "O Perfect Love"

Congregational Prayer

Offering for General Fund - offering plate will be in back as you leave the sanctuary

Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 31:1-9

Text: Jeremiah 31:3b

Sermon: Love for a Lifetime **Outline:** I. Now II. Future

Prayer of Blessing

***Hymn:** Blue 421 "According to Thy Gracious Word"

***The Apostles Creed**

The Lord's Supper: responsive readings on screen

Hymn: Red 227 "At the Cross"

***Benediction**

***Closing Hymn:** Blue 443 "Faith of Our Fathers" v. 1

***Moments of Meditation**

Postlude

***Please stand if able**

***When leaving the sanctuary after the service, we will refrain from handshakes with Pastor Jack Gray. He will wish you a good week. Please offer a verbal welcome, good morning, and thanks to him in lieu of a handshake.

Today/This Week:

February 14 – Worship with communion, 9:30 a.m./Sunday School

February 17 - Coffee Break Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation – 3:30-4:30 p.m. at church

Ladies Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming:

February 21 – Worship service, 9:30 a.m./Sunday School

February 24 - Coffee Break Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation – 2:30-3:30 p.m. at church (school dismisses early)

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

February 26 – Cantata Practice at Zion Reformed Church, 7:00 p.m.

February 7: Attendance- 71; **Offering-** \$2105 General Fund

Today is Valentine's Day. Please pray for the families in our church, community, and nation. Ask God to cement marriage vows to form a solid foundation for all of our living. Ask God to be near Jim and Christina Woehl during this time of God calling him to our heavenly home. Remember to pray for Galen and Connie Schaeffer and continue to touch their lives with meals that mean much to them. Pray for our Council that will meet Wednesday evening as the men finalize our request to Classis Minnkota for permission to call a pastor and to continue the care of our church family. This week Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which begins the season of Lent. Many of our fellow Christians worship early in the morning where ashes are put on their foreheads. Pray that during these weeks all of us will be drawn closer to Christ.

VALENTINE'S SUPPER: It's time for our annual Valentine's Supper. Take your special someone, or your whole family, out for an evening of entertainment and fellowship and of course wonderful food. There will also be to-go meals available as well. Make your reservation right way!

There is a sign-up sheet in the social hall or you may contact Janelle Bender at 660-8338 or 387-2318 to make your reservations. The meal is free will donation and there will be gift baskets up for auction as well. Proceeds will be used to offset costs of available mission opportunities.

POINTSETTIAS: Anyone wanting a poinsettia plant is welcome to take one home. After church this morning, they will be thrown out. Thank you to all who donated for the plants!

LENT: The weeks before Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday the church has historically focused in a special way on Jesus' sacrifice for us. This church season is called Lent. This year we will focus on people Jesus met on the way to the cross. Next Sunday we look at the "Nameless and Unnumbered" people Jesus taught, healed, and loved. The message comes from Revelation 7 and Matthew 9:36. This is a great time to invite friends and neighbors, especially any you know who are looking for a church home.

The messages in Lent this year will focus on the people Jesus meets on the way to the cross. Curious who they are? Look on the information table in the Fellowship Room. Next week we will begin with the "Nameless and Unnumbered" people from Matthew 27 and 9. Please feel free to invite guests to worship with us though Resurrection Sunday—and beyond.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Due to council meeting this coming Wednesday, February 17, there will not be Men's Bible Study; we'll resume again next week at 7:00.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE: Following Resurrection Sunday Pastor Jack will have Sundays he calls "People's Choice" Sundays. If there is a text or Biblical theme you always wanted to hear a sermon on, let Pastor Jack know. You may put the request in his mailbox at church, send him an e-mail at jwgray6691@gmail.com, call 605-940-3210 or just talk to him at church. He wants to bring messages in which you have an interest. Previous congregations he has served as an interim pastor provided an interesting variety. This follows his pattern in the churches he served as pastor who often selected the Bible books or themes at Congregational Meeting. His desire is to preach what will be most beneficial for you. Thank you in advance.

EASTER CANTATA: Again this year the Menno-Olivet Easter Cantata will be presented on Palm Sunday, March 28 at Salem Reformed Church. Rehearsals are scheduled as follows: February 26 at Zion Reformed Church; March 5 at Olivet United Methodist Church (*note the change in the first two practice locations*); March 9 at Peace Christian Reformed Church; March 16 at Grace Lutheran Church; March 23 and March 25 at Salem Reformed Church. All practices are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

SIGN-UP FOR MEETING: There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the social hall for people to set up a personal meeting with two elders and/or a deacon. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet which elders/deacon you would prefer to meet with. The purpose of the individual meetings is for people to give ideas on church direction and any other information you would like to pass along to the consistory. It is a time for elders and deacons to listen to you. The consistory is encouraging everyone to participate!

MESSAGE MEMOS

What memories do you have of weddings?

What is so significant about wedding vows?

What does “Love for a Lifetime” mean to you this Valentine’s Day?

How is God’s love longer and deeper than human love even in the best of marriages?

Which parables of Jesus help you understand God's everlasting love?

Why do people say God's love is written in red, blood red?

God made marriage to picture His love for us, but how does His love exceed ours?

What does Communion with Christ on Valentine's Day mean to you?