



# THORNAPPLE

COVENANT CHURCH

## First Sunday of Lent

### *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.  
Alike at work and prayer,  
to Jesus I repair:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

When sleep her balm denies,  
my silent spirit sighs:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.  
When evil thoughts oppress,  
with this I shield my breast:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?  
A solace here I find:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.  
Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

In heav'n's eternal bliss  
the loveliest strain is this:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.  
The pow'rs of darkness fear,  
when this sweet chant they hear:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this while life is mine,  
my canticle divine:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.  
Be this th'eternal song,  
through all the ages on:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

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Words: Joseph Barnby & Edward Caswall;  
Music: Adapted, 18th C German hymn,  
LAUDES DOMINI | Arranged by: Amy Porter,  
Matt Grimsley | ©2014 Redeemer Knoxville



February 18, 2018 | 9:00 and 10:30am

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **Prelude**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

### **Welcome**

Rick and Care Wiersma

### **\*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

### **\*Holy Spirit**

### **Prayer of Letting Go**

Michael Weller, Minister of Worship Arts

### **\*Have Mercy**

### **Practice of Letting Go**

*John 12:24-26*

### **\*Lord, I Need You**

### **Grace of Christ Testimony**

Jim VanderWall

### **Scripture Reading**

*Mark 4:1-20*

### **Message**

#JESUS | Story

Pastor Karen Ingebretson

### **\*Lord, I Need You**

### **Offering**

### **\*Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

*Hymn #78*

### **\*Oh You Bring**

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*\*Congregational song*

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*The Prayer Team will be under the cross following both services if you would like to pray.*

*If you are our guest this morning, please stop by the Welcome Center  
and pick up a gift we have for you.*

**Worship Resources** | To help you worship throughout the week, we've prepared *Worship Resources* (music playlists, weekly scripture readings and all-church verse of the month cards) available online ([thornapple.org/worshipresources](http://thornapple.org/worshipresources)) and at the Welcome Center.

**Sanctuary Art** | Throughout Lent we invite you to take in the desert scene and consider how Jesus is asking you to let go and depend on him as we journey toward Easter. We also invite you to read the Lent Art Reflection from *Worship Ministries* at [thornapple.org/leat](http://thornapple.org/leat).

# CALENDAR

## Sunday 2/18

HS Winter Retreat at Portage Lake

9:00am • Children's Worship/Sunday School/  
Town Hall Meeting

10:30am • Children's Worship/Sunday School/  
MS Huddle/Town Hall Meeting

11:45am • 12 Below Luncheon

## Monday 2/19

6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men

9:30am • College & Career Moms in Prayer

## Tuesday 2/20

### Wednesday 2/21

9:30am • Women's Bible Study

5:15pm • Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:00pm • MS JAM - 3 Mile Project

6:30pm • Women's Precepts

6:30pm • Trailblazers/HS ReFuel

6:30pm • Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm • Prayer Gathering

## Thursday 2/22

9:30am • Moms on a Mission

7:30pm • Worship Team Rehearsal

## Friday 2/23

9:30am • WholyFit

## Saturday 2/24

### Sunday 2/25

9:00am • Children's Worship/Sunday School

10:30am • Children's Worship/Sunday School/  
MS+HS Huddle/Sermon Discussion

Noon • Annual Meeting

**Are you connected?** Would you like to receive our weekly email newsletter and future communications from our pastoral staff and ministries. Sign up at: [thornapple.org/contact-us](http://thornapple.org/contact-us).

**Weather Updates** | Periodically we may need to cancel events or worship services at Thornapple because of inclement weather. Cancellations are posted online at: [thornapple.org/weather](http://thornapple.org/weather) and listed with WOOD TV and WZZM TV 13.

## EVENT INFORMATION

- **Annual Meeting** | Sunday, Feb. 25 at Noon. All members should plan to attend; non-members are welcome, too. To prepare, there are Town Meetings TODAY during both morning services in lower level room 106/107. Pick up your Annual Meeting Pre-Read Packet and 2017 Year In Review at the Welcome Center. Learn more at: [thornapple.org/annualmeeting](http://thornapple.org/annualmeeting).
- **Youth Choir** | Youth (2<sup>nd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) with an interest in music are invited to join us in leading worship Sunday, Mar. 4. Rehearsal is Wed., Feb. 21 from 5:15-6:30pm. Contact Michael Weller ([mweller@thornapple.org](mailto:mweller@thornapple.org)) or Jessica Mix ([jmix@thornapple.org](mailto:jmix@thornapple.org)) if interested.
- **Choir** | Singers of all ages are invited to join us in singing during both services on Feb. 25. Final rehearsal is on Wed., Feb. 21 from 6:30-8:00pm. There will be additional choir opportunities in March and April! For more information, or to RSVP for rehearsal, contact Michael Weller ([mweller@thornapple.org](mailto:mweller@thornapple.org)).
- **Prime Timers' Soup & Study** | Anyone 60+ is invited to join us Friday, Mar. 2 at 10:00am for with speaker, Pastor Andrew Vanover, and a homemade lunch. Learn more at [thornapple.org/soupandstudy](http://thornapple.org/soupandstudy).
- **Prime Timers' Luncheon with Middle Schoolers** | Sunday, Mar. 4 at 11:45am our seniors and our MS students will enjoy fellowship and a meal together. All seniors planning to come should register on the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center or at Soup & Study. Students should sign up in Huddle or with Linda Winer ([lwiner@thornapple.org](mailto:lwiner@thornapple.org)).
- **Parent Event** | All parents are invited to join in a discussion with Tim Ciccone (ECC Youth Ministry Leader - Make and Deepen Disciples) on Sunday, Mar. 4 from 6:00-8:00pm at Thornapple about generational theory and the impact on culture and church. Learn more and register at [thornapple.org/parentevent](http://thornapple.org/parentevent). Childcare will be available.
- **CHIC Auction** | Friday, Mar. 9 at 6:00pm - join us for an evening of fun, food and bidding (silent and live auction items). Learn more at [thornapple.org/chicauction](http://thornapple.org/chicauction) (and sign up from free childcare if you need it) and purchase tickets starting NEXT Sunday.
- **Baptism at Thornapple** | For those of you who have questions about whether immersion baptism is the next step in you (or your child's) spiritual walk, we have two opportunities for you to learn more:
  - **Immersion Baptism Class for Children** | For kids 2nd-5th grade (MS/HS students can attend the seminar listed below) Tuesday, Mar. 20 from 7:00-8:00pm in Room 120. Email Lynne McLaughlin ([lmclaughlin@thornapple.org](mailto:lmclaughlin@thornapple.org)) to sign your child up.
  - **Baptism Seminar for Student/Adults** | Pastor Rob will be hosting a baptism seminar for those students/adults who are interested in learning more about baptism on Tuesday, Mar. 20 from 7:00-8:30pm in Room 106/107. Please sign up at [thornapple.org/baptismseminar](http://thornapple.org/baptismseminar).
- **Please note**, the class and/or seminar are prerequisites for baptism at Thornapple. The next Baptism Sunday is Apr. 15 during both services. Please contact Kimberly Korpak ([kkorpak@thornapple.org](mailto:kkorpak@thornapple.org)) with questions.
- **Financial Peace University** | Simon and Emily Veldkamp will be leading a new class Tuesday evenings in the Lounge from 7:00-8:30pm starting Mar. 13 (class runs through May 15, with no meeting on Apr. 3 due to spring break). You can attend the first session as a preview and then pay the membership to attend the rest of the classes. Learn more and sign up: [thornapple.org/fpu](http://thornapple.org/fpu).

# NEWS

- ◆ **Please pray** for Lynn Estes, Leslie and Michael Blue and their extended family as they mourn the passing of granddaughter and niece, Victoria, last week.
- ◆ **Please pray** for Jarv Spreng, his children and grandchildren, as they grieve the passing of Jarv's wife, Mary, on Feb. 12.
- ◆ **Is your child ready for communion?** We are offering a class on Tuesday, Apr. 17 from 7:00 to 8:00pm in Room 120 to help parents and children decide readiness for communion. The class is taught by Pastor Rob and Lynne McLaughlin. Questions, please email Lynne ([lmclaughlin@thornapple.org](mailto:lmclaughlin@thornapple.org)).
- ◆ **Glenn VanNoord Short-Term Urban Missions Program** | College students AND high school juniors, seniors are invited to apply for the GVN Program to work in urban GR this summer. We will be accepting applications starting Mar. 1 through May 1 (or until the program is full). Learn more at [thornapple.org/glennvanoord](http://thornapple.org/glennvanoord).
- ◆ **New to the Covenant denomination and/or to Thornapple?** We offer a three-part series (May 2, 9, 16; 6:30-8:00pm) called "What is a Covenant Church?" This is a great way to learn about the denomination and church membership (it is also a membership prerequisite). Following the series, we will have a membership class on Sunday, May 20 from 4:00-6:00pm. For more details and to sign up, visit: [thornapple.org/membership](http://thornapple.org/membership).
- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE: Urban Plunge** | Saturday, Apr. 14 in the morning. It will be a great chance to serve in urban ministries in Grand Rapids AND get to know others from Thornapple while you serve. Learn more at [thornapple.org/urbanplunge](http://thornapple.org/urbanplunge).
- ◆ **Thornapple's International Mission Team** is planning vision trips for inter-generational groups to visit missionaries and ministries supported by our church. The trips would be 10 days (including travel) visiting Northside Ministries in Harare, Zimbabwe with Gary Cross in 2018 and Thailand and Turkey in 2019. If you are interested in joining or leading a team, please contact Pastor Karen ([kingebreston@thornapple.org](mailto:kingebreston@thornapple.org)) or the Mission Chair, Philip Bustrum ([philip.bustrum@cornerstone.edu](mailto:philip.bustrum@cornerstone.edu)).

# MINISTRY INFORMATION

If you have questions or to learn more about these and other ministries, visit the links listed next to each ministry name or visit our website at [thornapple.org](http://thornapple.org).

## CHILDREN | [thornapple.org/children](http://thornapple.org/children)

- **Nursery** | Birth-3yrs, both services, lower level
- **4s-1<sup>st</sup> grade** | Children's Worship, both services
- **2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade** | Both services [Not 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays]
- **Trailblazers (3rd-5th)** | 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. at 6:30pm

## STUDENTS | [thornapple.org/students](http://thornapple.org/students)

- **MS/HS Huddles** | At 10:30am [Not 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays]
- **MS JAM/HS ReFuel** | 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. at 6:30pm
- **HS Small Group Sunday** | Second Sundays
- **MS Three Mile Project** | Wed., Feb. 21, 6-9pm (leave from/return to church). \$5 + \$ for snacks

## YOUNG ADULTS | [thornapple.org/youngadults](http://thornapple.org/youngadults)

- **Small Group** | 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday evenings, 7:30-9pm at 6578 Brookhills Ct. SE, Grand Rapids. Contact Shalini Bennett [shalinibennett@gmail.com](mailto:shalinibennett@gmail.com)).
- **Lunch** | Young adults are invited to lunch the first Sunday of every month (after second service) at the Bennett's home (address above).

## PRIME TIMERS (60+) | [thornapple.org/primetimers](http://thornapple.org/primetimers)

- **Soup and Study** | Program and lunch; 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays from 10:00am-12:30pm.
- **Lunch with MS Students** | Sunday, Mar. 4, at 11:45am

## WOMEN | [thornapple.org/women](http://thornapple.org/women)

- **Women's Bible Studies** | Wed. at 9:30am/6:30pm
- **WholyFit** | Exercise and worship; for women of all ages; meets Fridays from 9:30-10:30am.
- **Spring Evening Event** | Fri., Apr. 27 (note date change)

## MEN | [thornapple.org/men](http://thornapple.org/men)

- **Monday Mornings** | Fellowship and prayer 6:30-7:30am. Contact Kirk Mortenson ([kirkdmortenson@gmail.com](mailto:kirkdmortenson@gmail.com)) for location or with questions
- **Men's Small Groups** | [thornapple.org/man2man](http://thornapple.org/man2man)

## NEPALI-SPEAKING | [thornapple.org/nepali](http://thornapple.org/nepali)

- **Worship** | Sundays in Community Room at 10am

# STAFF | [thornapple.org/staff](http://thornapple.org/staff)

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**Jessica Mix, Worship Ministry Assistant**

**Kim Mulder, Children's Ministry Assistant**

**Diana Parcher, Custodian**

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Info updates/requests can be submitted at:  
[thornapple.org/requestform](http://thornapple.org/requestform)



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## SERMON NOTES

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**Connection Card**

Place this card in the offering plate,  
or hand in at the Welcome Center in the Lobby.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> time guest, how you heard about Thornapple Covenant Church?

Check all that apply:  
 First time  Second time  
 Visiting with friend/family  
 College student  
 Regular attendee  
 Member  
 Update my info



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We're asking **EVERYONE** to fill out a *Connection Card* during worship. These cards will give us your contact info and help identify your "next step." Everybody has a next step to take. Some next steps may relate to the message, others are more general, while others are informational.

Cards can be placed in the offering plate or left at the **Welcome Center**. During the week, staff will follow up with people as needed.

*Bulletins left at the back of the  
Sanctuary will be recycled.*

