

Morning Order of Worship

Sioux Center United Reformed Church

Sunday, April 12, 2026

SINCE THE LORD IS GOD, FOLLOW HIM

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:1-46

April 12, 2026 AM

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OPENING OF SERVICE

- * Call to Worship
- * Prayer of Invocation
- * God's Greeting
- * Song of Praise: (insert) *Only a Holy God*

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

- Call to Confession
- Prayer of Confession
- Assurance of Pardon: (insert) *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

- God's Will for Our Lives
- Congregational Prayer

SERVICE OF THE WORD

- * Psalm of Preparation: 100B *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture: 1 Kings 18:1-46
- Message: **SINCE THE LORD IS GOD, FOLLOW HIM**
- Prayer of Application

CLOSING OF SERVICE

- * Psalm of Response: 46B:1,3,5 *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*
- Offertory Prayer
- Psalm of Thanksgiving: 116A:1,4,6,8 *I Love the LORD, for He Has Heard My Voice*
- Offering: General Fund (received during song)
- * Benediction
- * Doxology: 226 *O the Deep, Unbounded Riches* (unannounced)

**Please stand if you are able*

1. The Preparation (vv. 1-19)

2. The Confrontation (vv. 20-29)

3. The Revelation (vv. 30-40)

4. The Conclusion (vv. 41-46)

Questions for Personal and Family Devotions

1. Elijah challenged the people to stop "limping between two opinions." Are there areas where you are divided in loyalty between God and something else (work, comfort, relationships, ambition)?
2. What are the ways in which we easily slide into false worship and what can we do to resist it?
3. Both Baal's prophets and Elijah pray, but their prayers are very different. What do their prayers reveal about the kind of God they believe in?
4. How does this story lead us to Christ who won the great victory on the cross?

Evening Order of Worship

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THE CHURCH GATHERS TOGETHER

- * Call to Worship
- * Prayer of Invocation
- * God's Greeting
- * Psalm of Praise: 95C *Now with Joyful Exultation*

TO AFFIRM OUR FAITH

- * The Apostles' Creed (pg. 851)
- * Psalm of Response: 113A *Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise*

TO PRAISE GOD

- Psalm 1
- Psalm of Response: 1B *How Blest the Man*

FOR SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

Congregational Prayer

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn of Preparation: 445 *How Shall They Hear the Word of God*
The Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 25 (pg. 882)
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture: Romans 10:1-21
- Message: **WHAT ARE SACRAMENTS?**
- Prayer of Application

AND DEPARTS TO SERVE

- * Hymn of Response: 494 *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*
- Offertory Prayer
- Psalm of Thanksgiving: 9B *Wholehearted Thanksgiving*
Offering: Mission Fund (offering received during song)
- * Benediction
- * Doxology: 117A *Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations* (unannounced)

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WHAT ARE SACRAMENTS?

The Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 25

Scripture: Romans 10:1-21

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1. God Speaks to Us

2. God Shows Us

3. God Seals Us

Questions for Personal and Family Devotions

1. When you think about your spiritual growth, what do you tend to rely on most – and where does the regular preaching of the Word fit into that?
2. When you witness a baptism, do you see it as *someone else's moment*, or as a reminder of God's promise to you personally?
3. Do you struggle with assurance of salvation? If so, are you looking inward at your performance or outward to Christ as he is presented in Word and sacrament?
4. How do the sacraments strengthen your confidence that Christ's righteousness truly belongs to you?