



BRADENTON
Christian Reformed Church

BCRC Family Worship Guide

April 19, 2026

Preparing for Morning Worship

This Sunday morning, Pastor Milgate will preach from the Gospel according to Matthew. Take some time to read and think about this text as we approach the preaching of God's Word.

Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.



Songs, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

...Address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord

Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:19-21

Behold Our God

Cornerstone

Living for Jesus

In Christ Alone

We Receive Your Blessing



Approaching Worship

Before coming to God's house to hear His Word, prepare yourself and your family with prayer. The Puritans said we should dress our bodies for worship and our souls with prayer.

Pray for:

- *The conversion of sinners*
- *The edification of saints*
- *The glorification of God's triune name*
- *Listening ears and understanding hearts*
- *An outpouring of the Spirit's conviction, quickening, humbling, and comforting power to work through God's ordinances (Preaching, prayer, sacraments) in the fulfillment of His promises.*

-from "The Family at Church" by Joel R. Beeke

Liturgy Focus

Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn

God's Greeting

Song of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Assurance

Confession of our Faith

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Children's Blessing

Sermon

The Lord's Supper

Song of Response

Parting Words

Doxology



As we approach the sermon, we take a moment to do something every week—bless our covenant children. Why take time to do this? We could very easily excuse them during the offering or during a hymn or song. We do this for a few reasons.

First, the song is a blessing. Blessings serve a significant role in Scripture. An article in *TableTalk* states, “The Word of God does not view blessings as mere wishes for good that may or may not come true. Instead, a blessing is determinative of destiny when the hand of the Lord is in it.” As we send our children to Children’s Worship, we are trusting that God will be faithful in their lives as they grow in grace and knowledge.

Second, we are declaring that the children of our community are part of the Body of Christ just as we are. This helps them to understand that they are a part of the family and that they are important to us.

Third, this helps us to remember the promise we made at their baptism, to come alongside their parents and help them to teach their child the Christian faith. This is a weekly reminder of that promise.

Finally, it is a reminder of God’s faithfulness in every generation and his promise to build his church in every age. What an opportunity we have each week in this short, but important, element in the liturgy - to bless our covenant children and watch them grow in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

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CATECHISM

WEEKLY

Lord's Day 15

Q & A 37

Q. What do you understand by the word "suffered"?

A. That during his whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained

in body and soul

the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race.¹

This he did in order that,

by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice,²

he might deliver us, body and soul,

from eternal condemnation,³

and gain for us

God's grace,

righteousness,

and eternal life.⁴

¹ Isa. 53; 1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18

² Rom. 3:25; Heb. 10:14; 1 John 2:2; 4:10

³ Rom. 8:1-4; Gal. 3:13

⁴ John 3:16; Rom. 3:24-26

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Q & A 38

**Q. Why did he suffer
“under Pontius Pilate” as judge?**

A. So that he,
though innocent,
might be condemned by an earthly judge,¹
and so free us from the severe judgment of God
that was to fall on us.²

¹ Luke 23:13-24; John 19:4, 12-16

² Isa. 53:4-5; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13

Q & A 39

**Q. Is it significant that he was “crucified”
instead of dying some other way?**

A. Yes.
By this I am convinced
that he shouldered the curse
which lay on me,
since death by crucifixion was cursed by God.¹

¹ Gal. 3:10-13 (Deut. 21:23)