



# Blessed *to* Bless

*Welcome!*

**February 22, 2026**

Guests, we're glad you're here! Today we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All those who confess Christ Jesus as their Lord and Savior and desire to follow Him are welcomed to His Table.

Baptized children of believing parents are invited to join us. For all, we hope God's love in Jesus comes home to you in a deeper way today.

## **SONGS & PRAYER**

### **GOD'S WORD**

Matthew 7:21-23

Sermon on the Mount: Counter Culture  
"Blessed Assurance?"

## **LORD'S SUPPER**

### **PARTING**

Song  
God's Blessing

### *Prayer Pointer*

*.... where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord, the  
Maker of heaven and earth.*

Psalm 121

## *Outline*

Matthew 7:21-23  
Sermon on the Mount:  
Counter Culture  
“Blessed Assurance?”

1. False Assurance
2. Be Ye Doers
3. Blessed Assurance

## *Announcements*

This Sunday, we will celebrate the  
**Lord's Supper.**

This Sunday, the deacons will be collecting household items for New Life Beginnings. See the attached for some of those needs.



The GEMS fundraiser dinner will be Wednesday, February 25. We will once again enjoy food graciously donated by Scott Williams and his team at Super Mex Restaurant. We will serve from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Our girls and leaders are so thankful for your support and look forward to serving you!

**Council Nominations:** Dear Congregation, the council requests your nominations for the office of elder and deacon. Please prayerfully consider these important roles and give any nominations to any elder, deacon, or Pastor Bryan. The last date to turn in nominations is March 15.

**Exploring membership classes** begin on Sunday, March 8. The group will meet in the Ministry Center from 10:45-11:30 a.m. Let Pastor Bryan know if you plan to attend.

**Part-Time Church Secretary Needed** - Long Beach Christian Reformed Church is seeking a dedicated, detail-oriented individual who loves the Lord, to manage our church office. If you are a professional with strong Microsoft Office skills and a desire to serve our ministry, we encourage you to apply.

Duties are varied, covering administrative, communications, records, and event support. This is a part-time position, averaging 25 hours per week. A full job description is available upon request. Contact the church office at 562-421-1721 or email John van Kooy at [lbcrcadmin@lbcrc.org](mailto:lbcrcadmin@lbcrc.org).

**Have you been heard?** Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2025 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit [crcna.org/survey/4339](http://crcna.org/survey/4339) to answer the survey questions **by March 31**.

**The Auxiliary of Artesia Christian Home** will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 3, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Social Hall of Artesia I CRC on Alburdis. New members are always welcome.

**To the Congregation of Long Beach CRC:** World Renew extends our gratitude for your support and commitment to Christ's call to mercy and justice. Your congregation's gifts of **\$3,900.00** in 2025 are contributing to a larger impact—one that reached 720,633 participants in 1,449 communities across 30 countries worldwide in 2024-25. Your generosity is providing families with access to essentials like medical care, education, food, and crisis support, while also strengthening long-term efforts for communities to thrive. Thank you for helping families experience God's love and find a hopeful future. Explore more stories at [worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net).

## Dear Congregation of Long Beach CRC

Thank you for your gift to God's mission through Resonate Global Mission!

The journey of faith takes place one step at a time—and you are making it possible for Resonate missionaries, church planters, and campus ministers to walk, step by step, alongside seekers, believers, and Christian leaders in more than 40 countries around the world. People are hearing the gospel, growing deeper in their faith, and being trained and equipped to be the hands and feet of Christ among their friends, families, coworkers, and neighbors. It is a joy to partner with people like you in responding to God's call to spread the gospel, both down the street and across the ocean. It's because of you that people from all walks of life are discovering the love, hope, and grace of the gospel—and experiencing how it makes a difference in their lives and in their community.

Thank you, again, for joining God on mission with us! Together we can help the gospel spread so that people from every tribe, tongue, and language have an opportunity to hear and experience the good news of Jesus—and God's big story of redemption and renewal for creation!

Serving with you, Kevin DeRaaf,  
Director, Resonate Global Mission

## **You are invited!**

**Come join**  
*Kidshine 2026*

A Musical/Drama under the  
Direction of Kay VanWeerthuisen

**Rehearsals begin February 22, 2026**  
**4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**



For 1st - 8th grade

Presentations will be  
April 18 & 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Call 562-421-1721  
for more info.

## *Serving This Sunday*

(February 22, 2026)

**Greeters** – Larry Vander Schaaf,  
Ron Oldham

**Ushers** – John Bakker, Dan Brawdy,  
Bruce Hecox

**Prayer Leader** –  
Pastor Bryan Branderhorst

**Children's Message** –  
Cyndie Struiksma

**Nursery** – Cheryl Stom, Eden Sprik  
**Helper** – Kayla Perris

**Children's Church** –  
Jennell van Kooy  
**Greeter** – Leneé Struiksma

**Campus Safety** – Jason LeMonnier

## *Serving Next Sunday*

(March 1, 2026)

**Greeters** – Julie Hecox, Anna Kern

**Ushers** – Hector Corona,  
Ron Oldham, Bruce Hecox

**Prayer Leader** –  
John Bakker

**Children's Message** –  
Tracey Branderhorst

**Nursery** – Dawn Ver Steeg,  
Colin Sprik

**Helper** – Claire Rinker

**Children's Church** –  
Andy Lewis  
**Greeter** – Matt Anema

**Campus Safety** – Rick Milner

## *Calendar*

### This Week

#### **Sunday - Communion**

Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.

#### **Tuesday**

Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.

#### **Wednesday**

Coffee Break 9:30 a.m.

All Church Night –

GEMS Fundraiser Dinner

6:00 p.m.

## **Sunday**

Sunday Service	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Classes	10:45 a.m.
KidShine Rehearsal	4:30 p.m.

## **Upcoming**

March 7 – Cadet's Derby Race in  
San Diego

March 10 – Friendship Fellowship

March 10 – Council Meeting

March 22 – Blood Drive