



# Blessed to Bless

*Welcome!*

**April 12, 2026**

## **SONGS & PRAYER**

### **GOD'S WORD**

Luke 24:13–35  
**United With Christ**  
“United Through Means of Grace”

### **PARTING**

Song  
God's Blessing

### *Prayer Pointer*

*"Prayer requires patience.  
Sometimes God answers, 'Not yet'."*

Rick Warren, Daily Hope Ministry

### *Outline*

Luke 24:13 – 35  
**United With Christ**  
“United Through Means of Grace”

1. Blind, Slow, Sad
2. Grace of Word and Table
3. Clear Eyes and Burning Hearts

## *Announcements*

Thank you so much for the meals, gift cards, treats, cards, and lifting us up in prayer. We are truly overwhelmed and so thankful to be a part of Long Beach CRC. We still have a long road ahead of us, but we know our Father is with us each step of the way.

Randy and Carol Halma

**Friendship Fellowship** will meet Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Rosewood Family Restaurant, 10769 South Street, Cerritos. Come enjoy some great fun and fellowship with our church family.

Anyone 55 and older invited.

Questions? Call  
Larry Vander Schaaf  
at 562-900-1770.

### **Cadet Sunday - April 19<sup>th</sup>:**

The second offering will be for the Cadet Service Center. Cadets (The Calvinist Cadet Corps) is an independent (non-denominational) youth ministry organization whose purpose is to provide the local church with a ministry program that will enable them to effectively share Christ's love with boys from their church and community. Founded in 1952, the Corps has more than 600 clubs throughout North America.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support for this ministry.

### **Hands of Mercy Build - Mexico Build Trip**

- Friday, April 24 – Depart early from church and cross the border
- Saturday, April 25 – On-site build day
- Sunday, April 26 – Return home

### **A Special Service of Celebration and Worship**

The Christian Reformed Churches of Southern California are gathering for a special Sunday evening service of worship and celebration on April 19, 6:00 p.m., to be held at the First CRC of Bellflower (17603 Ardmere Ave, Bellflower). The occasion is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our oldest institution, Calvin Theological Seminary (which soon after gave

birth to what is now known as Calvin University). We'll celebrate the resulting nearly 100 years of ministry and church life in southern California, in all its wonderful diversity. Be sure to join us as we gather to thank God on April 19!

This summer, our missionaries to Mexico, the Lee family are planning to be in our area to connect with partnering churches and supporters. James and Barbarita and their two daughters will be here from August 3rd through August 25th. Their son, Joshua, will be away at a Christian camp.

The Lee's are requesting accommodations for the four of them during their visit. If you can help by providing a place for the Lee family to stay, please contact the church office.

## You are invited!

### *Kidshine 2026*

A Musical/Drama under the Direction of  
Kay VanWeethuisen



Presentation will be

**May 3 at 6:00 p.m.**

Call 562-421-1721  
for more info.

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**Tree-mendous  
adventure awaits!**

Join us for VBS!

June 15-19

9 AM - NOON

ages 4 -6<sup>th</sup> grade

Register  
students here



Volunteers  
Register here



Questions? Contact Rebecca Corona  
562-712-6969 or vbs@lbcrc.org



## *Serving This Sunday*

(April 12, 2026)

**Greeters** – Bill & Jeri Lynne Cullison

**Ushers** – Dan Brawdy, Ron Oldham,  
Bruce Hecox

**Prayer Leader** – John Bakker

**Children's Message** –  
Pastor Bryan Branderhorst

**Nursery** – Donna Sato,  
Robin Brouwer

**Helper** – Oliver LeMonnier

**Children's Church** – Chelsey Anema

**Greeter** – Leslie Grasmeyer

**Campus Safety** – Ken Bansberg

## *Serving Next Sunday*

(April 19, 2026)

**Greeters** – John & Claudia Bakker

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

**Prayer Leader** –  
Rob Thompson

**Children's Message** –  
Pastor Bryan Branderhorst

**Nursery** – Lisa Hughes,  
Danica VanBeek

**Helper** – Raelynn Minnema

**Children's Church** – Laura Robillos

**Greeter** – Leneé Struiksma

**Campus Safety** –  
Kevin Van Hofwegan

## *Calendar*

### This Week

#### **Sunday**

Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

KidShine Rehearsal 4:30 p.m.

#### **Monday**

Friendship Fellowship 6:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesday**

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

Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Deacons & Elders Meet

## **Wednesday**

Coffee Break	9:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Anchor	6:30 p.m.
Cadets	6:30 p.m.
Compass	6:30 p.m.
GEMS	6:30 p.m.

## **Saturday**

Hands of Mercy Build	8:00 a.m.
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## **Sunday – Cadet Sunday**

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

## **Upcoming**

April 19 – Cadet Sunday

April 29 – All church Night

May 1 – GEMS Awards Night

May 3 – GEMS Sunday

May 3 – KidShine Performance