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WRESTLING WITH GOD &
DOING HIS GOOD PLEASURE

ACTS 10:9-23

THE LORD'S DAY
August 17, 2025
9:30 AM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

Song of Praise:

"Jesus, Your Name"

GH:1-3

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"God, The Uncreated One"

GH:1-2

Ministry of Music - "Hold On To Me" - Brea Van Kley

Accompanied by Melissa Boer

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear)"

PH:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 10:9-23 (page 1018/1708)

Sermon: **"WHEN GOD SPEAKS, DO YOU ARGUE?"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

GH:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Family Crisis Center &

Missionaries: Rev. Sos & Kara Maletoungou

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "My Friends, May You Grow In Grace"**

LUYH:1

Piano Postlude

Pianist: Julia Vande Vegte

*Please stand if you are able

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WELCOME!

We pray that everyone will enjoy the presence of the Lord among His people today as we bring our praises & prayers, and hear His Word proclaimed!

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

-- We extend a special thank you to Julia Vande Vegte for your piano accompaniment during our morning worship service! We appreciate you sharing your talents with us Julia! We also thank Jenessa Van Roekel and Rachelle Vanden Bos for your evening piano accompaniment!

-- Thank you to Brea Van Kley for your beautiful song of worship and to Melissa Boer for your piano accompaniment during our morning worship service!

-- Thank you to all who attended our Burger Feed during Rally in the Valley! Your faithful support is appreciated! We are grateful to serve our community during the weekend celebration!

-- IGNITE Youth Group students and leaders

PRAYER CONCERNS

-- Judy Wesselink, mother of Kelsi Byl, was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Please be in prayer for Judy and the doctors caring for her as they navigate treatment, and pray for Kelsi and their family as they support her.

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Lynette Altena, Brian & Tricia Mulder & family, Troy & Michelle Altena & family, and Evan & Kim Altena & family as they mourn the loss of their beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Howard Altena. Howard's long and courageous battle with cancer ended when he was called to his heavenly home this past Thursday, August 14. Visitation will be held Monday, August 18 from 5-7pm and his funeral will be held Tuesday, August 19 at 10am, both at Church. May the love, faith, and assurance in Christ our Lord uphold Lynette and the entire family as they mourn and remember Howard.

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Bob Kooima as he mourns the loss of his son-in-law, Rob Niellssen. Rob was married to Bob's daughter, Lisa. He fought a battle with bladder cancer and was placed on hospice for a short-time before he passed away last week Sunday, August 10. Please be in prayer for God's mercy and grace to comfort and provide peace to Bob, Lisa, and their entire family.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **Family Crisis Center**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for **Missionaries: Rev. Sos & Kara Maletoungou**. The offerings next week will be for Crossroads Bible Institute and Teachers Garden.

-- Our 2nd Grade Bible Presentation will be held next week Sunday, August 24, during our morning worship service. Our 2nd Grade students are Kya Kirkley, Penny Ver Burg, and Tenley Zomer.

-- The Fellowship Committee will host our annual Back-to-School Social next Sunday, August 24, after our morning worship service.

-- IGNITE Youth Group Parent & Student meeting will be held next Sunday, August 24, after the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- Meals on Wheels - Our turn to deliver meals to the elderly of our community will be the week of September 8-12. Please consider volunteering your time to deliver meals. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

-- Book Club will meet on Monday, September 22 to discuss the current book for reading, The Keeper of the Hidden Books. Two copies of the book are available to borrow on the table in the Narthex. Books are also available at the public library.

-- At his request, Shawn De Wit has transferred his membership to Carmel Reformed Church. May God bless Shawn as he worships and grows his faith in his new Church home.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The Fall Season of Sunday School & Catechism & Children in Worship will begin on Sunday, September 7.

-- Children's Choir is in need of a **Co-Leader/Helper** for the coming season, please notify Damon Rus if you are willing and able to help out the current Children's Choir leaders.

CEC ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- **CEC Envelope Challenge Fundraiser** continues during this month and our **Church Prayer Warriors for Students** slips are available! A table is available in the Narthex. For the fundraiser, please choose an envelope or multiple envelopes and return with the donation amount listed in the box provided on the table. You can also return envelopes with payment by dropping them in the Church office mail slot. Checks payable to First CRC CEC. Also, choose a name or multiple names to become a Prayer Warrior for our students throughout this coming school year. Your participation in the fundraiser and prayers for our students are a blessing as we begin another year!

-- **Harvest will be upon us soon!** The CEC reminds all of our farm families that we are willing and excited to be able to help out your operations again this year by covering your silage piles! *Please contact Jill Miller to arrange times/locations - 712-441-0136.* To ALL church families and members, we ask that everyone is represented, and anyone who is able and aged High School through Adult is asked to sign-up to help! The jobs come quickly and the more volunteers at each site, the more efficient and timely each job is completed! Let us serve one another with willing hearts!

-- *Another way to help at the silage piles!* The CEC Committee invites you to provide bars, chips, and drinks for those that are volunteering on the silage piles. The bars should be individually wrapped and placed in the freezer at church. Individual bags of chips, water bottles, or Gatorade would also be greatly appreciated and can brought to the kitchen.

-- **CEC Annual Auction** is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15! Please start to think of ways you will donate or serve.

- * *Each CEC family is asked to donate 2 or more items. Youth Group please start thinking of the items/services that you will be contributing as well!*
- * *The CEC is asking for 40lbs of ground beef for the auction meal.*
- * *We are also looking for corn donations! Please call Brad Grevengood at 712-541-7617 to let him know what you are willing to donate and from what elevator. Thank you!*

August 17, 2025

PRAISE TEAM:

Tricia M, Julie VO,
Andy VR, Randy VK

USHERS:

East: Joel B, Matt VE
West: Tyler DB, Alvin L

NURSERY:

AM: Tamae K, Kennedy VH, Kate L
PM: Jacque L, Abby A

VIDEO: Alex K **SOUND:** Rich R **PPT:** Cowan VK

GREETERS:

AM: Marv & Dee F
Bob G
Arnold K

PM: Brad & Nanci G
Galen & Elsie G
Bob & Cherie G

NARTHEX: Rog & Hilaine

OFFERING:

AM: Family Crisis Center
PM: Missionaries:
Rev. Sos & Kara Maletoungou

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Howard A
Maletoungou: Mike B
Klompies: Myron B

PIANIST: *AM:* Julia Vande Vegte
PM: Jenessa VR/Rachelle VB

August 24, 2025 - 2nd Grade Bible Presentation/Back-to-School Social

SONG LEADER:

Tracy B

USHERS:

East: Arnold K, Bob G
West: Benjamin H, Keith L

NURSERY:

AM: Jill M, Kaysha A, Faith K
PM: Jackie R, Aftyn B

VIDEO: Ron L **SOUND:** Leonard H **PPT:** Tammy B

GREETERS:

AM: Marva H
Kelly & Patty H
Mike & Tammy H

PM: Eddie & Lanae H
Steve & Sue H
Kyle H

NARTHEX: Larry & Yvonne

OFFERING:

AM: Crossroads Bible Institute
PM: Teachers Garden

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Austin B
Maletoungou: Elmer B
Klompies: Karl B

ORGANIST: Ranae Kooistra



-- IGNITE Youth Group Parent & Student meeting will be held next Sunday, August 24, after the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

-- Kick-Off Event will be held Wednesday, September 3 at Rivers Bend Campground.



-- **CADETS** - Because of retirements, the Rock Valley Cadet Club is in need of two new Counselors for the upcoming year. The Cadet year runs from the end of August through late April. Typically, there are two meetings per month. Currently, men who are full-time Cadet Counselors will not have their names put up as potential office bearers. Please contact Merle Wynia (712-460-2237) or Kevin Jansma with any questions.

-- Cadet Kick-off/Flag Ceremony - Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30pm



-- GEMS Kick-Off - Wednesday, September 10 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

SERMON NOTES:

August 17, 2025

TODAY: 9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service

PRAYER REMINDERS

Sympathies

- ♦ Lynette Altena (CG#5), Brian & Tricia Mulder family (CG#7), Troy & Michelle Altena family, Evan & Kim Altena family (CG#2)
- ♦ Bob Kooima (CG#1)

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Clarence Klarenbeek (CG#6); Mary Van't Hul (CG#6); Carol De Boer (CG#3); Laura Van Kalsbeek (CG#8); Jaydn LeLoux (CG#3); Paula Kats (CG#1); Ruth Koedam (CG#2); Howard Altena (CG#5)
- ♦ Family/Friends of Our Church Family: Judy Wesselink, Maggie Jansen, Rev. Dan De Groot, and Jason Davelaar

Our Care Center Residents:

Four Seasons

Teresa Oostra (CG#6)

Whispering Heights

Don Postma (CG#3)

Grace Teunissen (CG#8)

Alvina Van't Hul (CG#5)

Joan Van Maanen (CG#7)

Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo (CG#6)

River View Ridge

Nathan Dorhout (CG#2)

Jim Driesen (CG#6)

Gerrit & Esther Kats (CG#4)

LeRoy & Jane Koedam (CG#3)

Henrietta Vanden Bosch (CG#4)

Hull - Pleasant Acres

Jerry Velgersdyk (CG#7)

Crown Pointe - SC

Harriet Vande Kamp (CG#5)

Missionaries

- ♦ Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens - Johannesburg, South Africa
- ♦ Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou - West Africa
- ♦ Rev. Mark K Family - classically supported missionaries in Nepal



Classical Missions

- ♦ Siouxland Unity CRC

Classis Iakota - www.classisiakota.org/classis-documents - follow this link for all the information to keep you updated about meetings held and the discussions that take place. Browse the site for additional information to stay informed.

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (Resonate) *Middle East* - "Praise God with us for the opportunity to share hope, healing, and redemption with others," say our Resonate missionaries serving in the Middle East, where war and conflict affect many people and communities.

Outreach

- ♦ Orphan Grain Train - a non-profit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with those in need in America and around the world by gathering donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, & aid.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Saylor Byl, Jordyn Kats, Kelsey Ver Burg, *the Matt Van Engen's*

Monday - Matthew Van Otterloo

Tuesday - Evan Vanden Bosch, Leah Van Surksum, *the Matthew Laman's*

Wednesday - *the Nolan Van Otterloo's*

Thursday - Carson Elbers

Friday - Kayla Bos, Sue Hoekstra

Saturday - Benjamin Haan, River Rust

FUTURE DATES

August - CEC Envelope Challenge Fundraiser/Prayer Warriors

August 24 - 2nd Grade Bible Presentation/Back-to-School Social/YG Parent-Student Meeting

September 2 - Council Meeting

September 3 - IGNITE Youth Group Kick-Off Event

September 7 - Children in Worship/Sunday School/Catechism Begin

September 8-12 - Meals on Wheels

September 9 - Coffee Break Registration

September 10 - CCC Bible Study begins/CADETS Kick-off/GEMS Kick-off

September 11 - LIFT begins

September 14 - Communion

September 16 - Coffee Break begins

September 17 - Men's Society/Together in Faith Bible Study/Profession of Faith Class all begin

September 29 - Council Meeting

October 1 - 3D Leadership Bible Study begins

October 15 - CEC Bake Sale/Auction

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ SCRIIP Orders due - Monday, August 18 - 9:00am
- ◇ RVCS Golf Tournament - Friday, August 22
- ◇ Open House - Monday, August 25 - 5:00-6:30pm
- ◇ First Day of School - Tuesday, August 26 - Opening Chapel begins at 9:00am in the gym (no morning bus routes); 2:30pm dismissal
- ◇ **Rock Valley Christian is in urgent need of a van driver for an afternoon route on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.** If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact: Colton Harthoorn at: ckharthoorn@yahoo.com or 712-476-2615.
- ◇ **Service and Fellowship Opportunity!** We invite you to come to our annual community wide event of serving our Rock Valley Teachers with their projects of cutting, sorting, compiling, and organizing on **Tuesday, August 19 from 9am-2pm at Trinity CRC.** Come and go as you please. Lunch will be provided. Enjoy a day of fellowship and service! If you have questions, call or text Mary De Groot at 712-451-4097.

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ First Day of School - Monday, August 25

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◇ Open House - Thursday, August 21 - 4:00-6:00pm
- ◇ First Day of School - Monday, August 25 - 1:00pm dismissal
- ◇ First Day of PK/TK - Tuesday, August 26

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrcv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude - Jenessa VR

Hymn Sing

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

PH:1-2

"As the Deer"

PH:1-2

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise:**

"Come, People of the Risen King"

GH:1,3

***The Nicene Creed** (in unison)

***Song of Response: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"** CH:1

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 28 Q/A 75-77 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"Day of Judgement, Day of Wonders!"

PsH 370:1,3,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Ezekiel 7 (page 772/1292)

Sermon: **"THE COMING END"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application: "The King is Coming"**

CH

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Rev. Sos & Kara Maletoungou

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "There Is a Redeemer"**

PH 20:3

*Piano Postlude - Jenessa VR

Pianist: Rachelle Vanden Bos

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2025 COUNCIL

MINISTER:
REV. MATTHEW A. HAAN

ELDERS:

Evan Vanden Bosch, *President* '25 - (470-1022)
Randy Vande Kamp '26 - (541-7500)
Tim Van Tilburg '27 - (470-5009)
Carl Elbers '27 - (451-8150)
Leonard Hoekstra, *Vice President* '27 - (451-9430)
Darwin Hoogendoorn '26 - (470-0697)
Scott Koedam '25 - (470-7037)
Ron LeLoux, *Vicar* '26 - (470-2426)
Nate Van Kley, *Clerk* '25 - (470-2348)

----- Care Group 1 -----
----- Care Group 2 -----
----- Care Group 3 -----
----- Care Group 4 -----
----- Care Group 5 -----
----- Care Group 6 -----
----- Care Group 7 -----
----- Care Group 8 -----

DEACONS:

Travis Jansen, *Secretary* '25 - (470-3486)
Mitchell Byl, *Special Offerings* '26 - (470-2920)
Carter Vanden Bos, *Benevolence* '27 - (422-2107)
Colton Van Otterloo, *GF Treasurer* '27 - (451-9007)
Blake Zomer, *Vicar of Deacons* '27 - (460-2552)
Myron Bleyenbergh, *President* '25 - (605-359-8574)
Ryan Zomer, *Building Treasurer* '25 - (712-441-3970)
Evan Altena, *Missions* '26 - (470-2575)

Please contact the Pastor or assigned Elder with needs.

2025 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Executive Committee	Pastor Matt, Evan VB (Chr.), Leonard H, Nate VK, Ron L, Myron B, Colton VO
Pulpit Supply	Pastor Matt, Leonard H (Chr.), Evan VB
Bulletin	Pastor Matt, Kim A, Evan VB, Nate VK
Church Governance	Elders
Sacraments	Ron L, Tim VT
Missions Committee	Leonard (Chr.) & Deb H, Mike & Tammy B, Randy & Pat B, Mark & Deb VH, Tim & Kim VT
Family Faith Visitation Committee	Darwin H, Randy VK
Worship Committee	Pastor Matt, Evan VB, James VB (Chr.), Rachelle VB, Krista VE, Andy VR
Music Coordinator	Rachelle VB
Building and Grounds Committee	Jeff VB (Chr.), Carl E (Liaison), Ryan Z (Treas.), Steve DK, Marva H, Mike P
Education Committee	Pastor Matt, Damon R (Chr.), Mitchell B, Jamie DJ, Scott K, Sharla VR, Alyssa VH
Sunday School Superintendent	Damon R
Christian Education Committee	Dan & Shannon B, Pastor Matt & Holly H, Steve & April DK, Brad & Nanci G, Matthew & Autumn L, Keith & Jacque L, Joe & Jill M
Rock Valley Calvinist Board	Ron L, Mike P
Youth Group Sponsors	Delanie VB, Brad & Brenda P, Mark & Deb VH, Loy & Taryn VH, Kristi H, Mike K, Dave & Amy VB, Nate VK (Liaison)
Welcome Committ.	Roger & Hilaine K (Chr), Harlan & Priscilla D, Eric & Tracy B, Larry & Yvonne H, Ron & Darletta L, Vern & Ellen VB
Memorial	Deacons
Head Usher	Ron L
Funeral Ushers	Roger K (Chr.), Harlan D, Bob G, Dick J
Organists/Pianists	Ranae K, Carisa M, Jackie R, Krista VE, Rachelle VB
Nursery Committee	Jackie R, Kelsey VB
Tech Committee	Brian F, Joe M, Rich R, Andy VR
Sound System Team	James VB (Chr.), Mike H, Leonard H, Rich R, Evan VB
Video Recording Team	Brian F (Chr.), Alex K, Ron L, Rich R, Carter VB, Matthew VO
PowerPoint System Team	Rachelle VB (Chr.), Tammy B, Benjamin H, Carla J, Jaydn L, Jenna VO, Kayla VO, Aiden VR
Custodians	Rich & Lynnette R (476-5724)
Church Secretary	Kim A (Office-476-5902; Cell-712-470-6103) *Present bulletin announcements by 4:00 PM Wednesday *
Prayer Chain	Pastor Matt, Evan VB
Fellowship Committee	Bonnie D (Chr.), Tracy B, Katie B, Alli DB, Patty H, Kendra J, Kristin J, Sara J, Steph K, Jill M, Brenda P
Flowers	Marva H, Karla VK, Carol VH
Newsletter	Carla J (editor), Kim A
Library Committee	Joyce VE (Chr.), Diana DG, Carol DR, Hilaine K, Judy VO
Website Team	Tracy B (Chr.), Kim A, Brian F, Josie F
Safe Church Committee	Scott K (Chr.), Kim A, Sue L
Scheduling Rides	Travis J
Community Impact Committee	Mitchell B
Care Districts	District Elders
School Board Representatives	Western Christian - Brenda P, Loy VH, Jr. & Rock Valley Christian - Mike B, Jamie DJ, Jack VB

SACRAMENTS: HOLY BAPTISM - Upon approved request

HOLY COMMUNION - 1st Sunday of Lent, Maundy Thursday, 2nd Sunday of June & September, and 1st Sunday of Advent

MISSIONS: *Rev. Mike & Megan Ribbens*-Johannesburg, South Africa (email Mike at mribbens@crcna.org or Megan at mribbens@gmail.com)

Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou-West Africa (email smaletoungou@crcna.org)

Rev. Mark & Jinhee Klompjen-Nepal (mklompjen@crcna.org)

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