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**WHEN THEY
HEARD THIS**

Acts 11:1-18

THE LORD'S DAY
August 31, 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:

"To God Be the Glory"

GsH 473:1-3

Reading of God's Law - *Leviticus 19*

Song of Salvation:

"He Will Keep You"

SG:1-2

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CH:1,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18 (page 1020/1711)

Sermon: **"WHEN GOD SPEAKS, WILL YOU BELIEVE?"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"Living Hope"

Vs:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: The Banquet & Building Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"My Friends, May You Grow In Grace"

LUYH:1

Piano Postlude

Pianist: Rachelle Vanden Bos

*Please stand if you are able

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August 31, 2025

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!

TODAY

-- There will be a short meeting in Classroom #1 after the morning worship service for anyone interested in attending the Men's Society Bible Study for the purpose of handing out the study material that will be used this year.

-- **CEC Envelope Challenge Fundraiser** wraps up today! Please show your support by grabbing a remaining envelope *AND* grab a **Prayer Warriors** slip so all names have been taken as we encourage & lift our kids up in prayer all throughout the school year!

-- Please remember to review the Bible Study Opportunities provided to you in the bulletin last week. It is also available under the Resources/Bible Study Opportunities tab on our Church website - www.firstcrrcv.org. The website calendar reflects the schedules for the upcoming season for each study.

-- September Faith & Life Newsletters are available in the bulletin racks.

EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE & APPRECIATION

-- *We rejoice with Albert & Harriett Van Zanten as they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this past Tuesday, August 26! We thank and praise God for His faithfulness in their life and the love that they share together!*

-- *Thank you, Pastor Matt and Elder Tim & Kim Van Tilburg, for your visits and many prayers. Also, thank you, our Church family, for your many visits, cards, words of encouragement, and meals brought in for us.* -- Vern & Carol De Boer

-- *Thank you very much for all your prayers, cards, and words of encouragement during my shoulder surgery. I appreciate them all!* -- Jaydn LeLoux

-- *Evan, Leonard, full council and all in our church family, We are deeply grateful for surrounding us with love, prayers, and generosity during the sudden and difficult loss of Jacob Charles! The faithful compassion of our care group, your prayers, and those of you who came to the visitation blessed us, and Luke and Christa, with tangible reminders of God's comfort and presence in this journey through the valley of the shadow of death. "All our days are ordained before one of them came to be," is the truth that carries us with you through these difficult days as a reminder that we are grateful we serve a good, loving, and faithful God.*

--*Blessings, Pastor Matt, Holly, Benjamin, Titus, Ezra, Andrew, and all extended families*

PRAYER CONCERN

-- Joanne Van Otterloo has returned home from a short stay in the Rock Valley hospital. Pray for healing and strength for Joanne.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The *first* offering received today will be for **The Banquet**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **Building Fund**. The offerings next week will be for our Benevolent Fund and our CEC.
- The Elders/Deacons will have a Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 2 at 6:30pm.
- The Fall Season of Sunday School/Catechism/Children in Worship will begin next week Sunday, September 7. *6th-12th Graders please pick-up your book from your assigned classroom.
- Meals on Wheels - Our turn to deliver meals to the elderly of our community will be the week of September 8-12. *Thank you to all of the volunteers who have signed up to deliver meals! You are very appreciated!*
- The Fellowship Committee is hosting a **Garden Tour at Van Grouw Acres** on Thursday, September 18 at 6:30pm. Come and pick fresh flowers and put together a beautiful flower arrangement! Light refreshments will be provided. Sign-up on the sheet provided in the Narthex by Sunday, September 14. Contact Kendra Jansen or Patty Haak with any questions.
- 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.

CEC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Harvest** - 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.* *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.
- **CEC Annual Auction** is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15! 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 Grevengoed at 712-541-7617. Thank you for your donations!
- ♦ This year instead of doing a beef raffle and beef/pork bundles at the CEC Auction, the CEC will be partnering with Old Parlor Meat Company so you will be able to create your own bundles. There will be no extra beef/pork bundles at the pre-sale auction. An order form was provided to you in your Church mailbox in which you can fill out your order and turn it in to the basket provided on the table in the Narthex - Due September 14. Order pick-up will be the afternoon/evening of the auction at Church. Please note: We will still be raffling off two pork halves the night of the auction.

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Guatemala Mission Trip 2026:** There will be a brief meeting following the morning service on September 14 for anyone interested in going on the Guatemala mission trip during the week of February 8-14, 2026. This meeting will be held in the church library. If you are interested in going on the trip, but are unable to attend the meeting, please call/text Tammy Haverhals at #712-470-6607 prior to October 1.

August 31, 2025

SONG LEADER:

AM: James VB
PM: Tracy B

USHERS:

East: Taylor K, Rich D
West: Joe M, Gene L

NURSERY:

AM: Ashley VO, Teeghan B, Sloan M
PM: Kelsey VB, Noah DK

GREETERS:

AM: Rob & Karen J
Travis & Kendra J
Dick & Carla J
PM: Kevin & Kristin J
Sara J
Jonathon & Tamae K

NARTHEX: Vern & Ellen

OFFERING:

AM: The Banquet
PM: Building Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Eric B
Maletoungou: Josh B
Klomprens: Mitchell B

PIANIST: AM: Rachelle VB
PM: Julia VV

VIDEO: Aiden VR **SOUND:** Jack VB **PPT:** Jaydn L

September 7, 2025

SONG LEADER:

Holly H, Tammy B,
James VB, Nolan VO

USHERS:

East: Cody D, Mike B
West: Cole VDB, Titus H

NURSERY:

AM: Sharla VR, Titus H, Hudsyn P
PM: Genae Z, Jaelyn K

GREETERS:

AM: Taylor & Jessica K
Brett & Malorie K
Chloe K
PM: Trevor & Lexi K
Jeremy & Abbie K
Alex & Michelle K

NARTHEX: Harlan & Priscilla

OFFERING:

AM: Benevolent Fund
PM: CEC

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Randy B
Maletoungou: Bradyn D
Klomprens: Cody D

PIANIST: Krista VE

VIDEO: Carter VB **SOUND:** Evan VB **PPT:** Aiden VR

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Jamie DJ *Helper:* Jaydn L



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



-- 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 31, 2025

TODAY: 9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service
10:45 AM: Men's Society Meeting in Classroom #1
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service

TUES: 6:30 PM: Council Meeting

WED: 7:00 PM: IGNITE Youth Group Kick-off

PRAYER REMINDERS

Anniversary Blessings

- ♦ Albert & Harriett Van Zanten

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Nate Van Kley (CG#1); Darwin Hoogendoorn (CG#2); Clarence Klarenbeek (CG#6); Mary Van't Hul (CG#6); Laura Van Kalsbeek (CG#8); Paula Kats (CG#1); Ruth Koedam (CG#2)
- ♦ 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#6)

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 Maletougou - West Africa
- ♦ Rev. Mark K Family - classically supported missionaries in Nepal

Classical Missions

- ♦ New Roots Ministry

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

- ♦ (Calvin Theological Seminary) Upcoming academic year - As we gear up for a new school year (both online and residential), orientation, travel, move-ins, and other preparations are ongoing. Pray for these transitions as we begin the new school year together.

Outreach

- ♦ Orphan Grain Train

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Mike Van Regenmorter, *the Ron LeLoux's*

Monday - *the Rich Rozeboom's*

Tuesday - Matt Van Engen, Brooke Van Tilburg

Wednesday - Brad Grevengoed, *the Brad Grevengoed's*, Eric Van Surksun

Thursday - Chance Hoekstra, *the Elmer Boon's*

Friday - Leonard Hoekstra, Mary Van't Hul (82), *the Steve De Kam's*

Saturday - *the Rob Jansen's*

FUTURE DATES

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 18 - Garden Tour at Van Grouw Acres hosted by the Fellowship Committee

September 29 - Council Meeting

October 1 - 3D Leadership Bible Study begins

October 15 - CEC Bake Sale/Auction

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

◊ No School - Labor Day Monday, September 1

◊ No SCRIP this week

◊ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, September 3

◊ **Labels for Learning is Back - Help Support RVCS!**

- Best Choice UPCs: Clip the UPCs from any Best Choice products and drop them in the collection box located in the RVCS entryway.
- Loaves 4 Learning: Cut out the UPCs from Pan-O-Gold brands like Country Hearth, Village Hearth, Artisan Hearth, New England, Lakeland, and Family Choice. Return them to school and place them in the designated collection box in the RVCS entryway.
- Box Tops for Education App: Simply scan your receipt using the Box Tops app after purchasing participating products - no clipping required!
- Casey's Rewards - Cash for Classrooms: Turn your Casey's purchases - whether in-store, online, or at the pump - into donations for RVCS! Just sign up for Casey's Rewards through the app or at Caseys.com.

Western Christian High School:

◊ No School - Labor Day Monday, September 1

◊ 9:25am Start - Wednesday, September 3

Rock Valley Community School:

◊ No School - Labor Day Monday, September 1

◊ 1:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, September 3

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise:**

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

PH:1,3

***The Apostles' Creed** (in unison)

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

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 29 Q/A 78-79 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Songs of Preparation:**

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

PH 82:1-2

"Be Thou My Vision"

CH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Ezekiel 8 (page 773/1294)

Sermon: **"THE DESOLATION THAT OUR EYES SEE"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

LUYH:1

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Building Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

PH 82:3

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Julia Vande Vegte

*Please stand if you are able

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2025 COUNCIL

MINISTER:
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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)

DEACONS:

Travis Jansen, *Secretary* '25 - (470-3486)
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Colton Van Otterloo, *GF Treasurer* '27 - (451-9007)
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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
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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 mrribbens@crcna.org or Megan at mrribbens@gmail.com)

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

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