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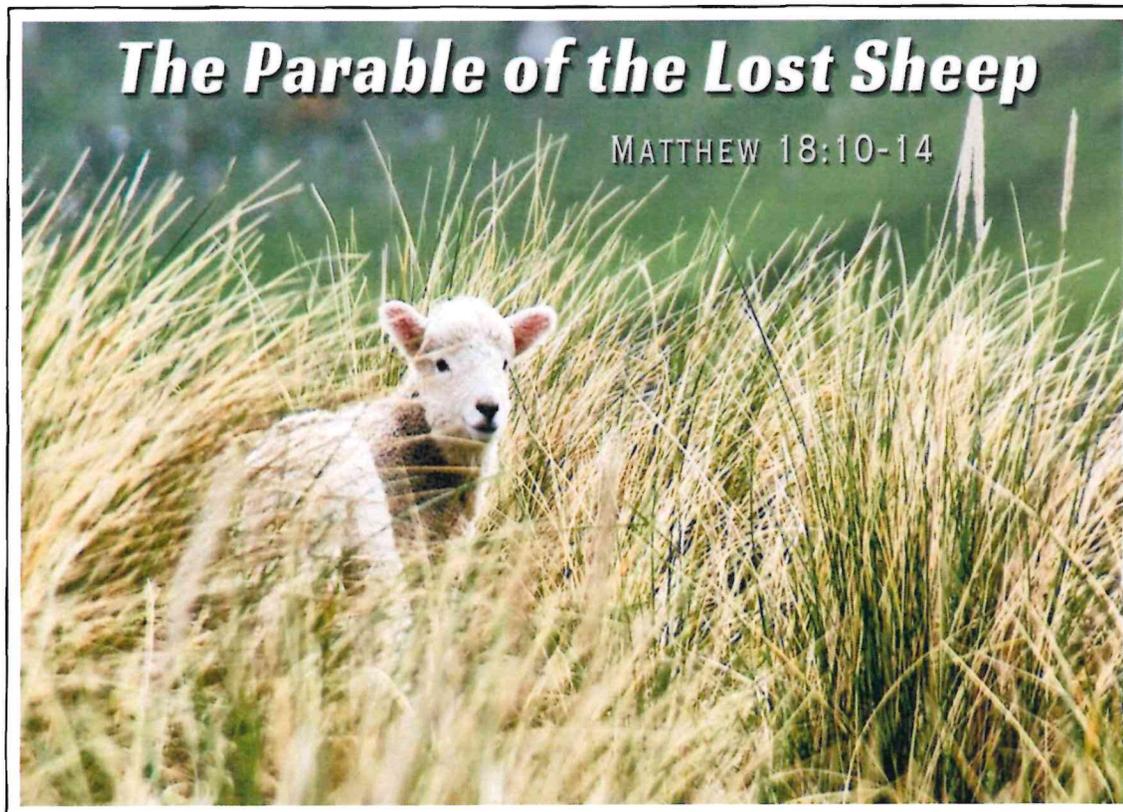
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THE LORD'S DAY
February 8, 2026
9:30 AM Divine Worship

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

Song of Praise:

"This is My Father's World"

BsH 374:1-2

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"Psalm 23"

Vs:1-3

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Softly and Tenderly"**

CH:1-2

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 18:10-14 (page 911/1526)

Sermon: **"FINDING EVERY SHEEP"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BsH:1,3,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: One Body One Hope & General Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"This is My Father's World"

BsH 374:3

Organ Postlude

Organist: Ranae Kooistra

*Please stand if you are able

**FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
ROCK VALLEY, IOWA
February 8, 2026**

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!

If you are a visitor with us today and would like additional materials from First CRC, they are located in the "Visitor" mailboxes. If you currently do not have a church home and desire information about church membership, please contact the church office.

WELCOME!

TODAY

- Adult Choir will have practice this morning in the Sanctuary after the worship service.
- *Children's Choir will NOT meet today, so your child should go directly to their Sunday School classrooms.*

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

- *We have heartfelt appreciation to First CRC, Pastor Matt & Holly, and Randy Vande Kamp for the many expressions of sympathy in the passing of our brother, Arlo.*
- *Harlan & Priscilla Driesen*

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Guatemala Mission Trip - Please be in prayer for all those traveling to Guatemala this week. Those attending this trip include Mike & Tammy Haverhals; Leonard & Deb Hoekstra; Damon, Jackie, Owen & Parker Rus; Joel Baartman, Carter Vanden Bos, Levi Vanden Bos, Kilee Van Beek, & Tyler Van't Hul.
- We express our Christian sympathies to Ryan & Kelci Zevenbergen as Kelci's grandfather, Vernon Serck of Inwood, passed away on January 30 at the age of 90. Visitation will be held February 17, followed by his funeral, both at Porter Funeral Home. May God provide comfort and peace to the family and loved ones as they mourn and remember Vernon.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The *first* offering received today will be for **One Body One Hope**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **General Fund**. The offerings next week will be for Love INC and Missionaries Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens.
- Newsletter Articles are due next week.
- IGNITE Youth Group will be hosting their annual Valentine's Supper at *Calvin CRC* on **Wednesday, February 18** at 6:30pm. ***RSVP is required by February 10!*** Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. There is a suggested donation of \$25/person.
- First CRC Book Club will meet on **Monday, March 2** to discuss the book Left to Tell by Imaculee Ilibagiza. Two copies to borrow are available on the table in the Narthex.
- Meals on Wheels - It is our turn to deliver meals to the elderly of our community the week of **March 2-6**. A sign-up sheet to volunteer to deliver is on the table in the Narthex.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- The CEC Taco Supper will be held **Wednesday, March 4**. There is a need for approximately 30lbs of ground hamburger. If you are able to donate, please clearly mark "CEC" on your donation and place in the East freezer. *Thank you!*

-- Our Prayer Day Service will be held **Wednesday, March 11** at 7:00pm.

-- **Family Faith Visitation** - Care Groups 5-8 - Meeting times have been scheduled for you for those remaining that still need to meet with the Elders. *You are responsible to switch if your time does not work.* A copy of the schedule is available on the table in the Narthex and posted below.

February 9 (Mon) Church

6:15 PM - Delanie Van Bommel

6:45 PM - Alex & Alexis Rust

7:15 PM - Brody Van't Hul

7:45 PM - Noah Jansma

February 9 (Mon) Church

6:15 PM - Bradyn & Braelee Davelaar

6:45 PM - Jesse & Amber Eppinga

7:15 PM - Carson Elbers

7:45 PM - Pastor Matt & Holly Haan

February 10 (Tues) Church

6:15 PM - Eric & Erica Van Surksum

6:45 PM - Michael & Jamie Ellenberger

7:15 PM - Kayla Van Engen

7:45 PM - Matt & Krista Van Engen

February 10 (Tues) Church

6:15 PM - Steve & April De Kam

6:45 PM - Jaslyn Van Otterloo

7:15 PM - Dylan & Jady Petitt

7:45 PM - Tristan Mulder

February 16 (Mon) Church

7:45 PM - Jacob & Amanda Maassen

-- **Israel 2027** - Experience the Holy Land with Pastor Matt & Holly January 12-21, 2027, which includes an Israel tour and optional Egypt extension. If you have any questions and/or are interested in attending this trip, please contact Pastor Matt.

Remember

With God all things are possible. With God, we can lean in for all sorts of amazing and miraculous things. When He says we can avoid temptation it's because He's put a failsafe in the plan - pray to, trust in, and lean on Him.

"Pray that you may not enter into temptation"

Luke 22:40

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SONG LEADER:

Evan VB

USHERS:

AM: Cody D, Mike B

PM: Cole VDB, Titus H

NURSERY:

AM: Rhonda L, Kennedy VH, Faith K

PM: Jill M, Titus H

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Jacque L *Helper:* Addi B

SOUND: James VB **VIDEO:** Aiden VR **PPT:** Benjamin H

GREETERS:

AM: Evan & Wanda VB

Dereck & LaRae VDB

Lyle & Joyce VE

PM: Matt & Krista VE

Albert & Grace VG

Fred & Karla VK

NARTHEX: Rog & Hilaine

OFFERING:

AM: One Body One Hope

PM: General Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Faye M

Maletoungou: Joe M

Klomprens: Brian M

ORGANIST: Ranae K

February 15, 2026

PRAISE TEAM:

Holly H, Pat B,
James VB, Mer VO

USHERS:

East: Josh B, Mike VZ

West: Dan B, Darin P

NURSERY:

AM: Jackie R, Kaysha A, Sloan M

PM: Laurie VK, Noah DK

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Karen J *Helper:* Erica VR

SOUND: Austin B **VIDEO:** Brian F **PPT:** Carla J

GREETERS:

AM: Colton & Ashley VO

Mike & Judy VO

Nolan & Julie VO

PM: Colton & Leah VS

Mike & Gert VR

Andy & Sharla VR

NARTHEX: Larry & Yvonne

OFFERING:

AM: Love INC

PM: Missionaries:

Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Teresa O

Maletoungou: Darin K

Klomprens: Kyler P

PIANIST: Carisa M



Youth Group Email: youth@firstcrcrv.org



-- Valentine's Supper - Wednesday, February 18 - 6:30pm at Calvin CRC



-- Meeting - Wednesday, February 11 - 7:00pm at First CRC

-- Meeting - Wednesday, February 25 - 7:00pm at First CRC



-- Meeting - Wednesday, February 11 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

-- Meeting - Wednesday, February 25 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

SERMON NOTES:

February 8, 2026

TODAY: **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service
 10:45 AM: Sunday School/Catechism/Adult Choir
 6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service

MON: 6:15-8:15 PM: Family Faith Visitation

TUES: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Exodus 2 #6
 2:00 PM: Service led by Pastor Haan at River View Ridge
 6:15-8:15 PM: Family Faith Visitation

WED: **7:00 PM:** CADETS
 GEMS
 HC Refresh - Lord's Day 17-25
 Men's Society - Chapter 5
 Together in Faith Bible Study - Exodus #9

PRAYER REMINDERS

Guatemala Mission Team

Small groups and Adult Bible studies

Sympathy

◆ Ryan & Kelci Zevenbergen (CG#2)

Health, Healing, & Peace

◆ Kya Kirkley & family (CG#2), Don Postma (CG#3), Mer Van Otterloo (CG#8),
Nate Van Kley (CG#1)

Our Care Center Residents:

Four Seasons

Teresa Oostra (CG#6)
Don & Lois Postma (CG#3)

Whispering Heights

Claretta Lobbes (CG#5)
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)
John Lobbes (CG#5)
Henrietta Vanden Bosch (CG#4)

Hull - Pleasant Acres

Jerry Velgersdyk (CG#7)



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

◆ Lakeview CRC—Valentine, NE

Classis Iakota - www.classisiakota.org/classis-documents

Denominational Requests

◆ (Thrive) *Journeys* - Loving God, you welcome the stranger and make a home for all people. Be with all who journey in search of safety and belonging. Grant them courage, and stir our hearts toward hospitality and love that crosses every border. Though Christ, our shelter and guide, Amen.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Kendra Jansen, Deacon Pollema, Mark Van't Hul

Monday - Bristyl Bleyenbergh

Tuesday - Wrynlee Davelaar, Jeff Kats, Aysha Pollema

Wednesday - Evan Altena, Jackie Rus

Thursday - Steve Hoekstra, *the Gerrit Kats' (66)*

Friday - *the Rick Davelaar's*

Saturday - Hannah Kats, Owen Laman

FUTURE DATES

February - Family Faith Visitation Meetings

February 17 - Service led by Pastor Haan at Whispering Heights

February 18 - Valentine Supper hosted by our IGNITE Youth Group at **Calvin CRC**

February 22 - Communion

February 23 - Council Meeting

March 4 - CEC Taco Supper

March 10 - Service led by Pastor Haan at River View Ridge

March 11 - Prayer Day Service

March 15-21 - Guatemala Mission Trip

March 16-20 - RVCS & WCHS Spring Break

March 29 - Palm Sunday

March 30 - Council Meeting

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ NO SCRIP this week!
- ◇ Coffee Cuttin' Club - Monday, February 9 - 9:30-11:00am at Trinity CRC. *If you have fabric scissors please bring them along.*
- ◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, February 11
- ◇ Board Meeting - Wednesday, February 11 - 7:00pm
- ◇ Noon dismissal - Friday, February 13
- ◇ **Winter Festival - Friday, February 13 - *Don't miss the great auction items, along with an evening of delicious food and warm fellowship!***
 - **Bake Sale - 8:00-1:00pm**
 - **Free-will Donation Meal - 5:00-6:00pm**
 - **Auction Start - 6:00pm**
 - **Online pick-up date: Saturday, February 14 - 9:00-11:00am**

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, February 11
- ◇ Family Fun Night at Western Christian - Friday, March 6 - 5:30-8:00pm - Families of all ages are invited to join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and community at Western Christian! No RSVP is required—simply come and enjoy a great night together. We look forward to welcoming your family and sharing more about Western Christian!

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, February 11

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise: "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

PsH 318:1,3,4

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

***Song of Response: "We Will Glorify"**

PH 86:4

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 48 Q/A 123 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Songs of Preparation:**

"You Are My All in All"

PH:1-2

"Show Us Christ"

LUYH:1

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 24 (page 918/1538)

Sermon: **"WHAT ARE THE SIGNS?"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

PsH 450:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: General Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"** PsH 450:4

*Organ Postlude

Organist: Ranae Kooistra

*Please stand if you are able

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2026 COUNCIL

MINISTER:
REV. MATTHEW A. HAAN

ELDERS:

Merlin Van Otterloo, Vice President '28 - (470-4622)
Randy Vande Kamp '26 - (541-7500)
Tim Van Tilburg '27 - (470-5009)
Elmer Boon '28 - (470-1634)
Leonard Hoekstra, President '27 - (451-9430)
Darwin Hoogendoorn '26 - (470-0697)
Jeff Van Bemmel '28 - (470-1545)
Ron LeLoux, Vicar '26 - (470-2426)
Carl Elbers, Clerk '27 - (451-8150)

DEACONS:

----- Care Group 1 ----- Tyler Den Boer, *Special Offerings* '28 - (470-6354)
----- Care Group 2 ----- Mitchell Byl, *President* '26 - (470-2920)
----- Care Group 3 ----- Carter Vanden Bos, *Benevolence* '27 - (422-2107)
----- Care Group 4 ----- Colton Van Otterloo, *GF Treasurer* '27 - (451-9007)
----- Care Group 5 ----- Blake Zomer, *Secretary* '27 - (460-2552)
----- Care Group 6 ----- Taylor Kats, *Vicar* '28 - (470-4258)
----- Care Group 7 ----- Austin Bliet, *Missions* '28 - (540-2768)
----- Care Group 8 ----- Evan Altena, *Building Treasurer* '26 - (470-2575)

Please contact the Pastor or assigned Elder with needs.

2026 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Executive Committee Pastor Matt, Leonard H (Chr.), Carl E, Ron L, Mitchell B, Colton VO
Pulpit Supply Pastor Matt, Merlin VO (Chr.), Leonard H
Bulletin Pastor Matt, Kim A, Leonard H, Carl E
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.), Evan A (Treas.), Steve DK, Marva H, Mike P
Education Committee Pastor Matt, Damon R (Chr.), Elmer B, Mitchell B, Jamie DJ, 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
CADET Leaders Brian F, Kevin J, Ryan Z
GEMS Leaders Sharla VR, Alli DB, Shanna L, Bonnie W, Kelci Z
Youth Group Sponsors Delanie VB, Brad & Brenda P, Mark & Deb VH, Loy & Taryn VH,
Colton & Kristi H, Mike K, Dave & Amy VB, Carl E (Liaison)
Welcome Committee 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, Jack VB, Blake Z
Video Recording Team Brian F (Chr.), Alex K, Ron L, Rich R, Carter VB, Aiden VR
PowerPoint System Team Rachelle VB (Chr.), Tammy B, Benjamin H, Carla J, Jaydn L, Cowan VK, 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, Leonard H
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 Kim A, Brian F, Andy VR
Safe Church Committee Elmer B (Chr.), Colton VO, Jamie DJ, Delanie VB, Kelsey VB, Damon R, Kim A, Sue L
Scheduling Rides Blake Z
Community Impact Committee Austin 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 Klompien-Nepal (mklompien@crcna.org)

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