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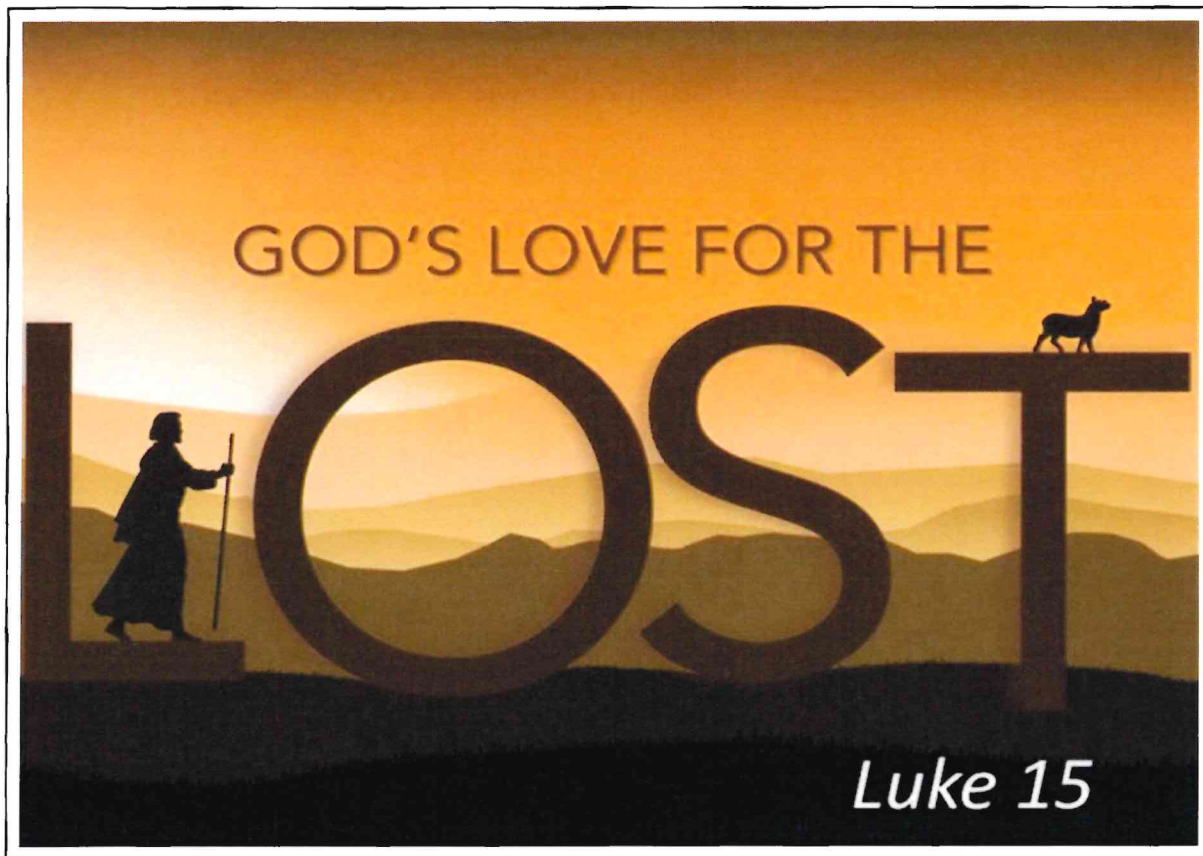
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THE LORD'S DAY
January 5, 2025
9:30 AM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

***Song of Praise:**

"Shout to the Lord"

PH:1

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

PsH 424:1,2,5

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Shine On Us"**

BH:1-3

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 15 (page 968/1623)/Hebrews 6:7-15 (1113/1867)

Sermon: **"HEARTS TO FIND THE LOST"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"

GH:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Benevolent Fund & CEC

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"

GH:3

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Krista Van Engen

*Please stand if you are able

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January 5, 2025

WELCOME!

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

TODAY

- Sunday School & Catechism Winter/Spring session begins today.
- Children in Worship will begin today. Children in Worship is **optional** for ages 2-4. Children will be dismissed during the singing of the song of preparation during the morning worship service and will gather in the Preschool Room. It will follow the same weekly schedule as Sunday School and Catechism. If you have any questions, contact Jamie De Jager.
- Adult Choir will meet briefly after the morning worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Updated Church directories are in your Church mailbox.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

- *We extend our gratitude to our Church family for your prayers, cards, and support after the passing of our father and grandfather, Courtney Elbers. Your kindness has been a source of great strength and comfort to us. Thank you for surrounding our family with your care and compassion.*
- *Carl & Melissa, Zach & Lucy, & Carson Elbers*
- *As we were reflecting on the previous year, we as the Deacons wanted to extend a sincere "Thank You" to the congregation for your generous and faithful financial support, not only toward the General Fund, but also the Building Fund and various Mission projects.*
- *With sincere thanks from the Deacons*

PRAYER CONCERNS

- We uplift in prayer those mourning the loss of Herb Bliet. Herb is a grandfather to Austin & Allison Bliet & family and a brother-in-law to Jim Driesen. He joined his Heavenly Father on December 23, at the age of 89. His funeral was held on Tuesday, December 31 at First Reformed Church in Rock Valley. May the love and assurance of Christ provide comforting peace during this time of mourning and remembrance of Herb.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The *first* offering received today will be for **Benevolent Fund** and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **CEC**. The offerings next week Sunday will be for The Banquet and our Classical Quotas.
- **Community Impact** - The month of January recognizes *Sanctity of Human Life*. Throughout the month, a baby cradle will be located in the Narthex for donations of baby clothes and supplies. Donations received will be delivered to the Alpha Center in Sioux Falls by our Community Impact Committee.
- Next Sunday, January 12, Lord-willing, we will have the privilege to celebrate and witness Public Profession of Faith for Jeremy Kooiker, and Reaffirmation of Faith for Abby Eppinga. May God bless Jeremy & Abby in their faith, and may we welcome them with our prayers, support, and encouragement!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- **Family Faith Visitation** - *All members of Care Groups 1-4 will meet with the Elders this year.* Please schedule your Family Faith Visitation meeting promptly. Meetings will begin on Monday, January 13. The sign-up schedule is available on the table in the Narthex. If you are in Care Groups 1-4, a copy of the Visitation outline is provided in your Church mailbox. If you are a member of Care Group 5-8 you met last year, but if you would still like to meet again this year, please sign-up on the schedule. Extra outlines are available for you on the table.

-- **1st CRC Book Club** - One Light Still Shines by Marie Monville - Discussion Night will be held on *January 13.*

-- **Meals on Wheels** - It is our turn to deliver meals the week of January 20-24! Please consider volunteering to deliver meals to the elderly in our community. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. *Thank you for blessing those receiving these meals!*

-- A **Profession of Faith Class** will begin on January 22. If you are interested in joining this class, please contact Pastor Matt.

-- **The Banquet** - Our IGNITE Youth Group, which includes kids & leaders from First CRC and Calvin CRC, and our Mission Committee, are teaming up together to serve at both locations at *The Banquet in Sioux Falls on Wednesday, January 29. We are looking for your help as well! We would like volunteers to help prepare and serve at the Downtown location.* The shift for preparing the meal is from 2-5 pm. The shift for serving the meal is 5:15-8:00pm. *Youth Group members will be serving at both locations and volunteers from Calvin will be preparing at the West site.* There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex in which you can choose what shift works for you. This was a great time spent together last year and we look forward to doing this again this year, blessing all those who come to the receive a meal at The Banquet! **Special Offering** - On January 12 there will be a special offering for The Banquet.

-- **Reading the Bible in a Year** - Three types of reading plans are available on the table in the Narthex to assist you in daily Bible reading. Select one to start in January and guide you throughout the year 2025! Make it your daily devotion, there's no better book to read than the Word of God!

-- **Nursery** - If you would like to be included on the schedule as a volunteer in the nursery during our worship services and are 4th grade thru adult, please add your name to the list provided in the Nursery. Also, if you would like your name removed as a volunteer, please also indicate on the sheet provided. If you have any questions, please contact Kelsey Ver Burg.

-- **2nd Grade RVCS Cookbooks** - Cookbooks created by the 2nd grade class at RVCS are located in the Narthex. Please put a free will donation in Stephanie Elgersma's mailbox. All proceeds for this project will go toward blessing the community.

-- Thanksgiving Offering Receipts: ATLAS - \$100.00; CEC - \$30.00; Cornerstone Prison Ministries - \$1,575.00; General Fund - \$4,085.00; Hope Haven - \$410.00; Justice For All - \$1,000.00; Sioux City Gospel Mission - \$1,150.00; Sioux Falls Gospel Mission - \$1,640.00; The Genesis House - \$755.00; World Renew - \$1,280.00; Missions - Guatemala Trip - \$3,855.00; Freedoms Gate Church - \$10.00; Building Fund - \$7,148.00; Kingdom Boundaries - \$9,525.00; Love INC - \$500.00; Rock Valley Christian School - \$70.00; Bethel Ministries - \$1,000.00; Teacher's Garden - \$1,400.00; Cornerstone Prison Ministry—\$50.00.

January 5, 2025

PRAISE TEAM:

Kelsi B, Tracy B,
Jeff E, Mike B

USHERS:

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

NURSERY:

AM: Ashley VO, Sharla VR,
Jaydn L, Taryn B
PM: Jamie Z, Brennan VK

GREETERS:

AM: Travis & Kendra J
Dick & Carla J
Kevin & Kristin J

PM: Sara J
Galen & Elsie G
Jonathon & TaMae K

NARTHEX: Harlan & Priscilla

VIDEO: Ron L **SOUND:** Leonard H **PPT:** Jaydn L

OFFERING:

AM: Benevolent Fund
PM: CEC

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Irene G
Maletoungou: Brad G
Klomprens: Bob G

PIANIST: Krista VE

January 12, 2024

SONG LEADER:

Andy

USHERS:

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

NURSERY:

AM: Kelsey VB, Taryn VH,
Harper VB, Tessa B
PM: Genae Z, Jenessa VR

GREETERS:

AM: Taylor & Jessica K
Brett & Malorie K
Ruth K

PM: Trevor & Lexi K
Alex & Michelle K
Darin & Megan K

NARTHEX: Ron & Darletta

VIDEO: Aiden VR **SOUND:** Blake Z **PPT:** Tammy B

OFFERING:

AM: The Banquet
PM: Classical Quotas

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Marva H
Maletoungou: Kelly H
Klomprens: Larry H

ORGANIST: Ranae K

PRAISE *God* FROM WHOM
all blessings flow

"Community in Christ"

IGNITE
YOUTH
GROUP

We covet your prayers for leaders, students, and all others involved as we look forward to a year of fellowship, learning, and growth together.

-- Youth Group Email: youth@firstcsrcrv.org

- Next Lesson meeting will be Wednesday, January 15
- Youth Sunday will be Sunday, January 19
- Serve at the Banquet - January 29 - more details in announcements

CADETS

-- **Cadets** - Meeting Wednesday, January 8 - 7:00pm

GEMS

-- **GEMS** - Meeting Wednesday, January 8 - 6:30pm

SERMON NOTES:

January 5, 2025

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

MON: **7:00 PM:** L.I.G.H.T. Bible Study

TUES: **9:45 AM:** Joshua 2 - Lesson 4

WED: **6:30 PM:** GEMS
7:00 PM: Cadets

PRAYER REMINDERS

Sympathies

- ♦ Austin & Allison Blik Family
- ♦ Jim Driesen



Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ LeRoy & Jane Koedam, Aiden Den Hartog, Tate Van Essen, Marv Faber, Addison Van't Hul, John De Roan

Flood Relief, Recovery

Our Care Center Residents:

Whispering Heights

Esther De Roan
Jennie Maassen
Grace Teunissen
Joan Van Maanen
Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo
Alvina Van't Hul

River View Ridge

Elaine Bolkema
Nathan Dorhout
Jim Driesen
Gerrit & Esther Kats
LeRoy & Jane Koedam
Faye Medalen
Henrietta Vanden Bosch

Hull - Pleasant Acres

Jerry Velgersdyk

Crown Pointe - SC

Harriet Vande Kamp

Four Seasons

Teresa Oostra

Sheldon Christian Retirement Home

Don & Lois Postma

Missionaries

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

Classical Missions

- ♦ Lakeview CRC—Valentine, NE

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Classes and students* - Please pray for January Term classes, for Doctor of Ministry students coming to campus for classes, for other students who are traveling, and especially for new students preparing to begin their studies in the Spring semester. Pray for health and safety for all.

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 - Aiden Van Roekel, *the Karl Bos'*

Monday - Harper Byl, Esther Kats (85)

Tuesday - Kiah Van Der Brink

Wednesday - Brian Mulder

Friday - Cole Hoekstra

FUTURE DATES

January 19 - Sanctity of Life Sunday & Youth Sunday

January 20-24 - Meals on Wheels

January 26 - Cadet Sunday

January 27 - Council Meeting

January 29 - Service Date at The Banquet

January 31 - Cadet Pinewood Derby

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ Classes resume - Monday, January 6
- ◇ Scrip Orders due - Monday, January 6 at 9:00am
- ◇ Full Day - Wednesday, January 8
- ◇ RVCS ARROWS Soup Supper - Thursday, January 9
- ◇ 1st Grade Talking Zoo - Friday, January 10
- ◇ Noon Dismissal - End of 1st semester - January 10
- ◇ Kindergarten begins daily the week of January 13

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ Classes resume - Monday, January 6
- ◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, January 8

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, January 8

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrcv.org/resources

Remember

No matter what, you can go about today knowing that if you love the Lord,
you are favored in His eyes.

*"The Lord favors those who fear Him,
those who wait for His lovingkindness."*

Psalms 147:11

How are YOU Feeding Your Fire of Faith?



6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Hymn Sing

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

CH:1

"We Will Glorify"

PH 86:1-4

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise:**

"My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"

PsH 328:1,2,3,5

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

***Song of Response: "The Lord is My Salvation"**

GH

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 1 - Q/A 1-2 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CH:1,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Jeremiah 1 (page 699/1168)

Sermon: **"SOVEREIGN CALLING"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application: "He Will Keep You"**

SG:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: CEC

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "Go, My Children, With My Blessing"**

LUYH:3

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Krista Van Engen

*Please stand if you are able

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH - ROCK VALLEY, IOWA

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)

DEACONS:

----- Care Group 1 ----- Travis Jansen, *Secretary* '25 - (470-3486)
----- Care Group 2 ----- Mitchell Byl, *Special Offerings* '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, *Vicar of Deacons* '27 - (460-2552)
----- Care Group 6 ----- Myron Bleyenbergh, *President* '25 - (605-359-8574)
----- Care Group 7 ----- Ryan Zomer, *Building Treasurer* '25 - (712-441-3970)
----- Care Group 8 ----- 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, Mark & Deb VH, Tim & Kim VT
Family Faith Visitation Committee Darwin H, Randy VK
Worship Committee Pastor Matt, Evan VB (Chr.), Rachelle VB, Krista VE, Andy VR
Music Coordinator Rachelle VB
Building and Grounds Committee Carl E (Chr.), Ryan Z (Treas.), Steve DK, Jeff VB, Harm W
Education Committee Pastor Matt, Damon R (Chr.), Mitchell B, Jamie DJ, Steph E, Scott K, Sharla VR, Alyssa VH
Sunday School Superintendent Damon R
Christian Education Committee Keith & Jacque L (Pres.), Eric & Tracy B, Steve & April DK, Brad & Nanci G,
Darin & Megan K, Joe & Jill M, Andy & Sharla VR
Rock Valley Calvinist Board Ron L, Mike P
Youth Group Sponsors Josie F, Evan & Rhonda L, Brad & Brenda P, Mark & Deb VH, Kevin & Cheryl DB,
Colton & Kristi H, Mike K, Dave & Amy VB, Nate VK (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, Krista VE, Rachelle VB
Nursery Committee Jackie R, Kelsey VB
Tech Committee Brian F, Joe M, Rich R, Andy VR, Josie F
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, 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, Keith L, Andy VR, 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 Klompien-Nepal (mklompien@crcna.org)

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