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July 13, 2025 - WELCOME

Mark 10:13-16

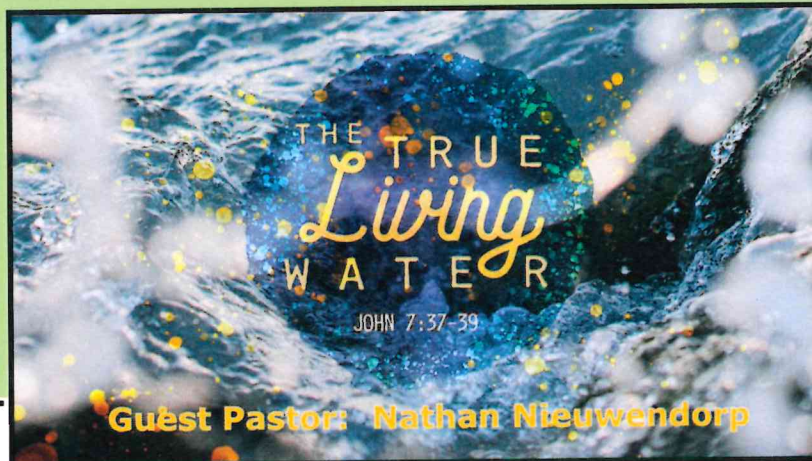
"People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."



Guest Pastor: Dr. Sosthene Maletoungou

Morning Worship Service

Evening Worship Service



THE LORD'S DAY
July 13, 2025
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:

"Come, People of the Risen King"

GH:1,3

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

PH 3:1-3

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

CH 295:1,3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Mark 10:13-16 (page 937/1002)

Sermon: **"THE QUESTION OF CHILDREN"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"Our Children Lord in Faith and Prayer"

BsH 416:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: ATLAS & Building Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"My Friends, May You Grow In Grace"

LUYH:1

*Organ Postlude

Organist: Denise Postma

*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!*

TODAY

-- This morning we welcome Missionary Rev. Sosthene Maletoungou as he leads our worship service. After the service, the Missions Committee will provide coffee and cookies and an opportunity to greet and fellowship with Rev. Sosthene. *Thank you for your visit today Rev. Maletoungou!*

-- This evening we welcome Mr. Nathan Nieuwendorp as he leads our worship service. *Thank you for being with us Mr. Nieuwendorp!*

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

-- *A special thank you to Denise Postma for providing the organ accompaniment for our services today. We appreciate your willingness to share your talents with us!*

PRAYER CONCERN

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Carol De Roon, Rob & Karen Jansen, Travis & Kendra Jansen & family, John De Wit, and all extended families and loved ones of John De Roon. John was called to his heavenly home on Sunday, July 6. His funeral was held on Saturday, July 12 at First CRC. We pray for God to wrap His loving arms of comfort around Carol and their entire family as they mourn his earthly loss and cherish the memories they were all blessed to share with him.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **ATLAS**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **Building Fund**. The offerings next week will be for our Youth Group and our Classical Quotas.

-- The Cadet 8th Grade Boundary Waters Trip begins this week *through July 17*. The 8th Graders & their fathers attending the trip from our Church include: Pastor Matt & Titus Haan and Nate & Brennan Van Kley. Please pray for safety and spiritual blessings throughout their week.

-- The Youth Group Serve Trip in Minneapolis is underway this week *through July 18*. Please pray for Benjamin Haan, Brielle Jansma, Mason Jansma, Harper Van Bommel, and Deb Van't Hul as they are serving in Minneapolis and helping with Vacation Bible School and various service projects in the community. Please pray for continued safety, the ability to effectively share the gospel, and for individual spiritual growth throughout their week.

-- Next Sunday, July 20, Lord-willing, we will have the privilege to witness and celebrate the Holy Sacrament of Baptism of Haddie Joy Byl, infant daughter of Mitchell & Kelsi Byl.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- The Sioux Falls Canaries Baseball Game will be held on the evening of Friday, July 25 for those who signed up for tickets. Game time is scheduled for 7:05pm. The Canaries will be playing the Lake County Dockhounds, and there will be a fireworks display following the game. If you are attending and have any questions, please contact a member of the Fellowship Committee.

-- IGNITE Youth Group will be hosting their annual Burger Feed on Saturday, August 9 in Bicentennial Park during Rally in the Valley. Delicious Burgers & Fries will be served from 11:30am-1:30pm. Come & enjoy dinner in the park while supporting our Youth! A sign-up sheet requesting your help with donations of food for this event is available on the table in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

-- Book Club will meet on Monday, Sept 22. We will be discussing our first WWII Historical fiction novel. The Keeper of the Hidden Books - *A heartbreaking story about the power of books to bring us together, inspired by the true story of the underground library in WWII Warsaw*. Two copies of the book are available to borrow on the table in the Narthex.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- A **Kindergarten Teacher** is still a need for the coming season of Sunday School. Please consider your call to serve in this capacity and notify Damon Rus - Sunday School Superintendent as soon as possible if you are interested! If you want to share this role with someone to aide with scheduling, that is an option you can work out together when planning the year.

-- Children's Choir is in need of a **Piano Accompanist** for the coming season, please notify Damon Rus if you are willing and able to help out the Children's Choir leaders during weekly Sunday practices and their performances during services.

-- **Reminder:** All 3 year olds are welcome to attend Sunday School, even if they are attending Children in Worship also. Contact Pam Maassen or Laurie Van Kley with any questions. ***If you have a child that you plan to begin attending the Preschool Sunday School Class, and/or if you have a child that will move from Preschool to Kindergarten, please let Kim in the Church office know - secretary@firstcrrv.org.***

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

-- **Wheelchairs for Guatemala** - A shipping container continues to be available to store wheelchair donations! It is located at Tilly's Trucking located East of Rock Valley, and the container will be shipped once it is filled up! As before, the priority for filling the container will be wheelchairs (manual or electric). The wheelchairs can be USED or even be in need of some repairs. If you have any questions or have a donation, please contact Tammy Haverhals at (#712-470-6607) or any of the Mission Committee members. *Thank you!*

July 13, 2025

SONG LEADER:

Tricia M

USHERS:

East: Joel B, Matt VE

West: Tyler DB, Alvin L

NURSERY:

AM: Judy VO, Titus H, Harper B

PM: Sharla VR, Mason J

GREETERS:

AM: Mike VZ

Jack & Kelsey VB

Gerrit & Kay V

PM: Harm & Bonnie W

Blake & Genae Z

Ryan & Jamie Z

NARTHEX: Larry & Yvonne

OFFERING:

AM: ATLAS

PM: Building Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Alyssa VH

Maletoungou: Chad VH

Klomprens: Mary VH

ORGANIST: Denise Postma

VIDEO: Ron L

SOUND: Leonard H

PPT: Tammy B

July 20, 2025 - Baptism Sunday

PRAISE TEAM:

Rachelle VB, Pat B,

Jack VB, Ryan Z

USHERS:

East: Arnold K, Bob G

West: Benjamin H, Keith L

NURSERY:

AM: Genae Z, Jaelyn K, Tessa B

PM: Jamie Z, Alison L

GREETERS:

AM: Evan & Kim A

Mike & Tammy B

Myron & Amy B

PM: Austin & Allison B

Dan & Shannon B

Elmer & Lori B

NARTHEX: Vern & Ellen

OFFERING:

AM: Youth Group

PM: Classical Quotas

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Carol VH

Maletoungou: Loy VH, Jr.

Klomprens: Loy VH, Sr.

PIANISTS: AM: Jackie R

PM: Carisa M

VIDEO: Aiden VR

SOUND: James VB

PPT: Jaydn L

Remember

In the end, when the battle is over, the only thing remaining will be His kingdom.

The enemy fights now because he still thinks he can win. But Jesus.

“Who understands the power of Your anger and Your fury,

according to the fear that is due You?”

Psalm 90:11

AM Service Outline for Rev. Sosthene Maletoungou:

Theme: "The Question of Children" - Mark 10:13-16

I. INTRODUCTION

II. BACKGROUND

The Gospel of Mark is presented as the _____ of the Kingdom of God

Mark 10:13-16 highlights the question of the place of _____.

III. INTERPRETATION

A) Competing and conflicting views about the place of children: 10 v13

The parents believed that God's Kingdom also concerned their _____.

The disciples believed that the Kingdom of God was _____ for children.

B) A Kingdom resolves about children once and for all: 10 v14

It is a _____ to make Jesus known to our children.

Our duty according to God's sovereign will is to raise and create conditions for all children to _____ God and _____ him.

C) Kingdom view and value of children: 10 v15

Jesus placed the question of children at the _____ of Christian faith according to God's covenant promise through _____ in Genesis 12:2-3.

D) Children restored in Christ: 10 v16

Jesus broke the _____ of separation, oppression and social injustice toward children.

Jesus restored mankind as _____ and _____ of God.

Our ultimate destiny is full _____ and a face-to-face encounter with Christ in the dwelling _____ of God forever and ever.

IV: APPLICATION

To know Christ and make Him known to our _____ and to raise the _____ in the fear of God is a _____ and _____ for every family, parent, adult, and church.

SERMON NOTES:

July 13, 2025

TODAY: 9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service - Rev. Sosthene Maletoungou
10:45 AM: Fellowship with Rev. Sosthene hosted by Missions Committee
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service - Mr. Nathan Nieuwendorp

MON-THURS: 8th Grade Cadet Boundary Waters Trip

MON-FRI: Youth Group Serve Trip in Minneapolis

PRAYER REMINDERS

Sympathy

- ♦ Carol De Roon (CG#4), Rob & Karen Jansen (CG#4), Travis & Kendra Jansen family (CG#5), John De Wit (CG#6)

CADET Boundary Waters

- ♦ Attendees: Pastor Matt & Titus Haan (CG#5) and Nate & Brennan Van Kley (CG#1)

IGNITE Youth Group Serve Trip

- ♦ Attendees: Benjamin Haan (CG#5), Brielle Jansma (CG#4), Mason Jansma (CG#4), Harper Van Bommel (CG#1), and Leader Deb Van't Hul (CG#5)

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Ruth Koedam (CG#2), Maggie Jade Jansen (granddaughter of Rob & Karen Jansen - CG#4), Michael & Jamie Ellenberger (CG#6), Paula Kats (CG#1), Howard Altena (CG#5), Clarence Klarenbeek (CG#6), Rev. Dan De Groot, Jason Davelaar (father of Cody Davelaar - CG#5, Alexis Rust - CG#8, & Brayden Davelaar - CG#6)

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) *Japan* - Resonate missionaries Charles & Hensel Oh, recently moved from the Philippines to Japan, where they are sharing the gospel and discipling believers in a highly secular society. Please pray for them and their daughter as they settle into their new home. Ask the Holy Spirit to open doors for meaningful friendships.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Griffin Kats, *the Keith LeLoux's*

Monday - Gerrit Kats (85), Chad Van't Hul, Harm Wiersma

Tuesday - Vern De Boer, Renae Faber, Yvonne Haak, Trevin Van Kley

Wednesday - *the Alvin LeLoux's, the Mike Pollema's*

Friday - Erin De Kam, Mer Van Otterloo

Saturday - Mike Baartman, Kevin De Groot, Maddie Pollema, Delanie Van Bommel

FUTURE DATES

July 20 - Baptism Sunday - Haddie Byl

July 25 - SF Canaries Game

July 28 - Council Meeting

August 9 - IGNITE Youth Group Burger Feed

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

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

◇ Office is closed for the month of July. Any questions, please contact:

- Pat By - pat.byl@rockvalleychristian.com
- Abby De Groot - abby.degroot@dordt.edu
- Haeley Faber - haeley.faber@rockvalleychristian.com
- Tim Van Soelen - tim.vansoelen@dordt.edu
- Julie Van Tol - julie.vantol@rockvalleychristian.edu

◇ Job Openings at RVCS for next school year - Music Teacher & Van Driver - Contact Tim Van Soelen at tim.vansoelen@dordt.edu.

◇ **RVCS Golf Tournament** - Friday, August 22 - \$150/person for golf & steak dinner; \$30/person for steak dinner only - Scan to register.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrv.org/resources

How are YOU Feeding Your Fire of Faith?



6:00 PM Divine Worship

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship - *Psalm 63*

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise: "Step by Step"**

LUYH:1

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

***Song of Response:**

"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

CH:1

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 24 Q/A 62-64 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer - *Psalm 42*

***Songs of Preparation:**

"As the Deer"

PH:1,3

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

GsH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: John 7:37-39 (page 991/1058)

Sermon: **"LIVING WATER"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application: "Living Waters"**

GH:1,2,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Building Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

LUYH:2

*Organ Postlude

Organist: Denise Postma

*Please stand if you are able

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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)

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----- 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, 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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