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THE LORD'S DAY
July 20, 2025 - Baptism Sunday
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:

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

GsH:1-3

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation: "Children of the Heavenly"

Vs:1,2,3,5

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism administered to Haddie Joy Byl
(Form No. 3 - page 129, back of Psalter)

Ministry of Music - "God Made Everything" - Harper Byl

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Be Thou My Vision"**

CH:1,2,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Song of Songs 3-4 (page 628/669)

Sermon: **"THE SOUNDTRACK OF LOVE: THE PROPOSAL"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

GH:1,2,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Youth Group & Classical Quotas

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"My Friends, May You Grow In Grace"

LUYH:1

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Jackie Rus

*Please stand if you are able

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July 20, 2025 - Baptism Sunday**

WELCOME!

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

TODAY

-- This morning we have the privilege to celebrate & witness the Holy Sacrament of Baptism of Haddie Joy Byl, infant daughter of Mitchell & Kelsi Byl. May God equip Mitchell & Kelsi to train Haddie to grow in the light of God's Holy Word.

EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE & APPRECIATION

- *A special thank you to Harper Byl for the blessing of your ministry of music this morning!*
- *We rejoice with Justin & Josie Faber as they were blessed with the birth of a healthy baby boy, Rohen Josiah, on Tuesday, July 15! Both mother and baby are doing well. Welcoming him home is his excited big sister Quinnley!*
- *We rejoice with Taylor & Jessica Kats as they were blessed with the birth of a healthy baby boy, Tovey Jon, on Tuesday, July 15! Both mother and baby are doing well. Welcoming him home are his excited siblings Jaelyn, Jordyn, Tyke, and Treyton!*
- *We extend our thanks and appreciation to April De Kam as she has been one of the Children's Choir leaders for many years! We are grateful for the time and dedication she has volunteered to the choir! April has decided to step out of this role at this time. Thank you April for serving the Church faithfully!*

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Laura Van Kalsbeek fell and tore her knee and fractured her femur. She is recovering, but needs time and prayer. She was transferred to Whispering Heights this week. Keep Laura in your thoughts and prayers as her recovery will be long and require patience.
- Continue to pray for Ruth Koedam as she continues to struggle with cancer and declining overall health.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

- *We are blessed and grateful to announce that Delanie Van Bommel has accepted the Youth Administrator position! We are excited for her to begin this role immediately and look forward to the work she will provide for our Youth Group leaders and students! Thank you Delanie for your commitment to serve!*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- The Sioux Falls Canaries Baseball Game will be held this week 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.

-- 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 for this event is available on the table in the Narthex. Monetary donations can be placed in the box provided. Non-perishable donations can be brought to the Youth Group room anytime, and perishable items please bring the week of the event and place in the fridge in the kitchen. *Thank you!*

-- Our 2nd Grade Bible Presentation will be held on Sunday, August 24, during our morning worship service.

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

-- 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.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- 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.

-- **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 notify the Church office - secretary@firstcrrv.org.***

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- **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 for this mission, please contact Tammy Haverhals at 712-470-6607 or any of the Mission Committee members.

-- **GUATEMALA MISSION TRIPS 2026:** The next Guatemala Mission Trips will be February 8-14 & March 15-21 (March is for the Youth Group/parents). If you are interested in joining one of the groups, please reach out prior to ***September 15!*** We are asking for a \$200 non-refundable deposit, with a check made out to: First CRC Mission Fund to secure your spot for either week. If there is availability for either trip after September 15, we will open up the opportunity to others outside of our congregation. Please contact Tammy Haverhals at 712-470-6607 if you are interested in the February trip, or Deb Vant Hul at 712-470-4360 for the Youth Group March trip. An informational meeting will be scheduled at a later date, but you are welcome to reach out with any questions before then!

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

July 27, 2025

SONG LEADER:

Andy VR

USHERS:

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

NURSERY:

AM: Shannon B, Tad M, Quincy E
PM: Em D, Erica VR

GREETERS:

AM: Karl & Alyssa B
Josh & Katie B
Mitchell & Kelsi B

PM: Randy & Pat B
Bradyn & Braelee D
Cody & Em D

NARTHEX: Harlan & Priscilla

OFFERING:

AM: Hope Haven
PM: Building Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Mark VH
Maletoungou: Mike VH
Klomprens: Mitchel VH

ORGANIST: Ranae Kooistra

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

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT YOUR CARE GROUP ELDER FOR
ANY NEEDS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS!
Our Church is a family and praying and supporting each other is a blessing!

Remember

Learning to hear and understand can be challenging enough in this world!

But without God's Word, the way is dark.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Psalms 119:105

PRAISE *God* FROM WHOM
all blessings flow

SERMON NOTES:

July 20, 2025

TODAY: 9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service - Baptism Sunday - Haddie Byl
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service

FRIDAY: 7:05 PM: Sioux Falls Canaries Game

PRAYER REMINDERS



Baptism

- ♦ Mitchell & Kelsi, Harper, Easton, Palmer, & Haddie Joy Byl (CG#6)

Baby Blessings

- ♦ Justin & Josie, Quinnley, and Rohen Josiah Faber (CG#1)
- ♦ Taylor & Jessica, Jaelyn, Jordyn, Tyke, Treyton, and Tovey Jon Kats (CG#4)

New Youth Administrator

- ♦ Delanie Van Bommel

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Laura Van Kalsbeek (CG#8), Ruth Koedam (CG#2), Jaydn LeLoux (CG#3), 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

- ♦ Amistad Cristiana

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

- ♦ (GEMS Girls' Clubs) *Leadership* - Please pray that the upcoming GEMS Leadership Summit, July 14-19, 2025, in Edina, MN, will be a powerful time of worship, helpful training for GEMS leaders, and wonderful networking opportunities for all in attendance.

Outreach

- ♦ Orphan Grain Train

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Randy Byl

Tuesday - Gracia Van Kley, *the Galen Kats', the Matthew Van Otterloo's*

Thursday - Noah Jansma

Friday - Holly Haan, Elsie Hernandez

Saturday - Kay Vis

FUTURE DATES

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.firstcrrcv.org/resources

How are YOU Feeding Your Fire of Faith?



6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Hymn Sing

"Praise Him, All Ye Little Children"

CH:1-3

"Blessed Be Your Name"

LUYH:1-4

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise: "Only a Holy God"**

GM:1,2,4

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

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

CH:1

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 25 Q/A 65-68 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"Ancient Words"

LUYH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Ezekiel 4 (page 770/822)

Sermon: **"CLAY TABLETS OF RECORD"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

GsH:1,2,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Classical Quotas

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

GsH:6

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

*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)

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
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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, 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 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)