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THE LORD'S DAY
July 27, 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:

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

PH 104:1-3

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"Bind Us Together"

CH:1

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Abide with Me"**

BsH 470:1,3,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Song of Songs 5-6 (page 629/671)

Sermon: **"THE SOUNDTRACKS OF LOVE:
THE WEDDING OF HUSBAND AND WIFE"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"Jesus, Strong and Kind"

Vs:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Hope Haven & Building Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Jesus, Strong and Kind"

Vs:4

*Organ Postlude

Organist: Ranae Kooistra

*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!*

EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE & APPRECIATION

-- Thank you to everyone that helped me through my surgery and recovery with a meal brought in, prayers, and kind words. We are grateful to be in a family of believers. Thank you to Randy & Mary Vande Kamp and Pastor Matt for all the phone calls and visits. Thank you most of all to God for His healing power.

~ Darwin & Tracy Hoogendoorn

-- Dear Church Family: The words "thank you" do not seem adequate to express the gratitude that is in our hearts for all of you. Your kindness and concern shown to our family over the past year is humbling. Your kind words and expression of care shown at John's passing have comforted us. May God be gracious to all of you.

~ Carol De Roon and Family; Rob & Karen Jansen; Travis, Kendra & Kamden Jansen

PRAYER CONCERN

Carol De Boer is scheduled for back surgery this coming Wednesday, July 30, at Dakota Dunes in Sioux City. Please pray that Carol's surgery and recuperation goes well.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **Hope Haven**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **Building Fund**. The offerings next week will be for Tuition Assistance and our CEC.

-- The Elders/Deacons will have a Council meeting tomorrow evening, Monday, July 28 at 6:30pm.

-- 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 kitchen refrigerator. *Thank you!*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

- 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 let Kim in the Church office know - secretary@firstcrcrv.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 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!

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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

Klompens: Mitchel VH

ORGANIST: Ranae Kooistra

VIDEO: Carter VB SOUND: Jack VB PPT: Tammy B

August 3, 2025

PRAISE TEAM:

Jamie E, Ashley VO,

James VB, Mike B

USHERS:

East: Cody D, Mike B

West: Cole VDB, Titus H

NURSERY:

AM: Jamie DJ, Harper VB, Ezra H

PM: Kendra J, Brennan VK

GREETERS:

AM: Rick & Bonnie D

Kevin & Diana DG

Zach & Jamie DJ

PM: Erin De Kam

Steve & April DK

Jaden & Katlien DB

NARTHEX: Ron & Darletta

OFFERING:

AM: Tuition Assistance

PM: CEC

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Jack VB

Maletoungou: Gerrit V

Klompens: Harm W

PIANISTS: AM: Jackie R

PM: Carisa M

VIDEO: Brian F SOUND: Blake Z PPT: Benjamin H

Remember

The Holy Spirit helps us to discern what is true and right from what is unhealthy and wrong. With Him, we have every resource to walk in hope and freedom.

“Whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction,
so that through perseverance and the encouragement
of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

Romans 15:4

SERMON NOTES:

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise: "And Can It Be?"** PH 10:1,2,4

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

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

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 26 Q/A 69-71 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Songs of Preparation:**

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" PsH 450:1,3

"Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer" GH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Ezekiel 5 (page 770/823)

Sermon: **"SHAVING WITH A SWORD, THE DANGERS OF SIN"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" PsH 354:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Building Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" PsH 354:3

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