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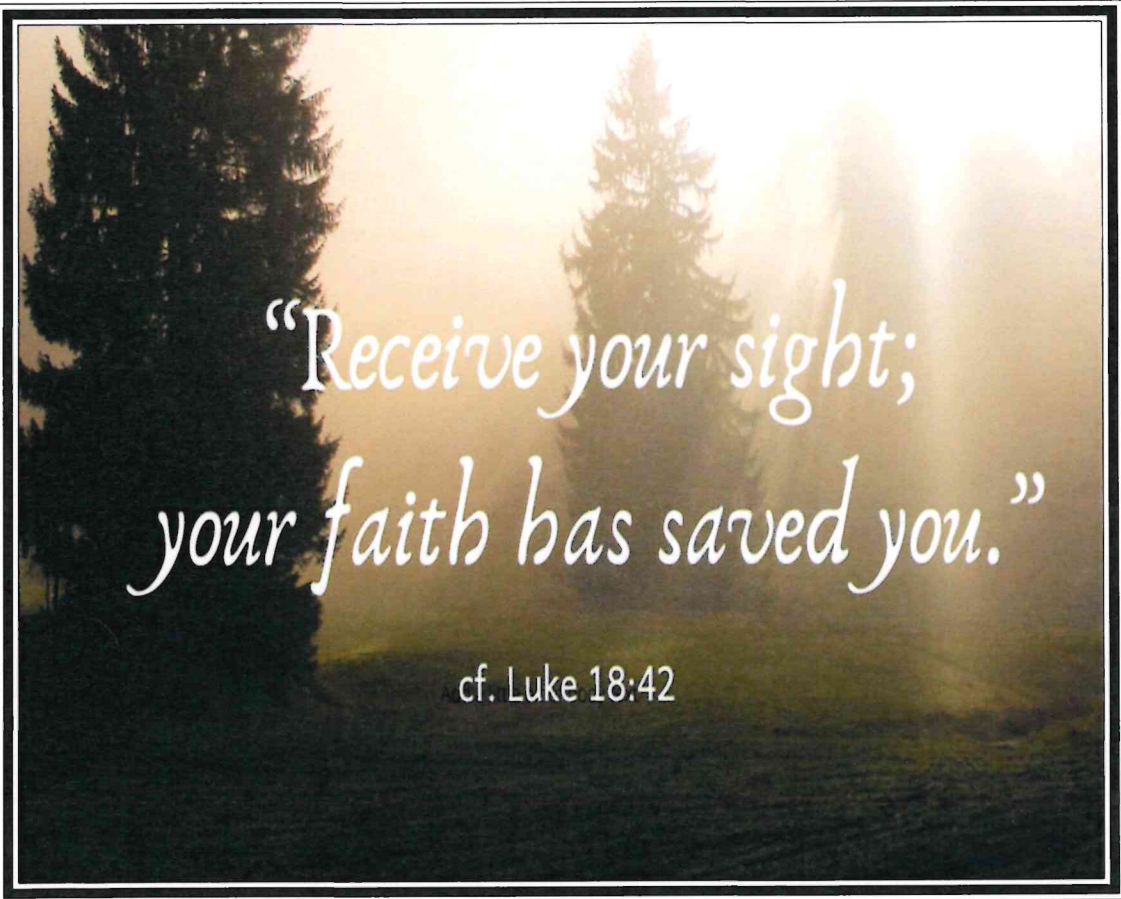
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*“Receive your sight;
your faith has saved you.”*

cf. Luke 18:42

THE LORD'S DAY
March 23, 2025
9:30 AM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship - "Here He Comes" - Adult Choir

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

***Song of Praise:**

"This Is My Father's World"

BsH 374:1-3

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"Count Your Blessings"

PH 40:1-2

Pew Commissioning Litany

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Jesus, Strong and Kind"**

Vs:1-3

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 18:35-43 (page 972/1630)

Sermon: **"HEALING FAITH"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"His Mercy is More"

Vs:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Justice For All & Mid-Sioux

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "Agnus Dei"**

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Lois Klarenbeek

*Please stand if you are able

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ROCK VALLEY, IOWA
March 23, 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!*

*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.*

TODAY

-- We welcome everyone back together today as we celebrate the restoration of our Sanctuary!
*We sincerely thank all of the volunteers, donors, and committee members who played vital roles in
completing the work to restore God's house of worship where we are blessed to faithfully gather
anew!*

-- This evening after our worship service, our Missions Committee will be giving a presentation of the
Mission opportunities that have been supported recently. All are invited and encouraged to come and
listen! It will be held in the Fellowship Hall and coffee and cookies will be served.

-- Newsletter Articles are due today.

EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE & APPRECIATION

-- *Thank you to the Adult Choir for your ministry of music during our morning service and to Rachelle
Vanden Bos for leading the choir.*

-- *We want to thank all members of this caring church community for your prayers, cards, words of
comfort, food, and acts of kindness in the passing of our wife, mother, grandmother, and
great-grandmother, Esther De Roon. We are deeply grateful for Rev. Haan & family, Elder Leonard &
Deb Hoekstra, and all who visited Esther and I while she resided in Whispering Heights.*

-- *Clarence De Roon & family*

-- *The Mission Committee and the 2025 Guatemala Mission Team thank you for your support of our
trip in February! During our time there additional needs came to our attention and we would like to
make you aware of them in case you would like to help meet these needs. Please see the list in your
church mailbox for specific information. Please contact Mike & Tammy Haverhals or Mark & Deb Van't
Hul if you want to contribute so that we can keep the list updated. -- Thank you for your support!*

-- *The Mission Committee also gives praise and thanks for the contributions given for the Christmas
Bible project which raised \$9,300! This amount was split four ways to Cornerstone Prison Church,
Teachers Garden, Livingstone Prison Church, and One Body One Hope. This money will purchase
approximately 200 Bibles and hopefully be multiplied ten-fold. -- Thank you!*

PRAYER CONCERN

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Eric & Erica Van Surksum and family, as their beloved
grandmother, Adriana Dysktra of Rock Valley, passed away on Saturday, March 15 at the age of 90.
Her funeral was held on Thursday, March 20 at First Reformed Church in Rock Valley. May God bless
and comfort the family of Adriana as they mourn her loss and cherish the memories they shared
together.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **Justice For All** and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for **Mid-Sioux**. The offerings next week Sunday will be for the Sioux Falls Gospel Mission and our Building Fund.

-- Harm & Bonnie Wiersma have moved into their new home. Their address is 732 19th Ave. SE, Rock Valley. May God bless them as they settle in!

-- **CEC Taco Supper** will be held tomorrow evening, Monday, March 24. Come and enjoy a delicious meal! We look forward to a great night of fellowship together in support of Christian education for the youth of our Church!

-- **Prayer Day Service** is this Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00pm. Offering will be for World Renew.

-- Our Fellowship Committee will hold a **Game Night and Ice Cream Social** at Whispering Heights this week Thursday, March 27 at 6:30pm. Come enjoy a fun night of fellowship with our Care Center residents! Bring your favorite board or card game!

-- Next week Sunday, March 30, Lord-willing, we will have the privilege to welcome the Davelaar Family - Bradyn, Braelee, Wrynlee, & Knoxlyn, and celebrate the Public Profession of Faith of Bradyn, Reaffirmation of Faith of Braelee, and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism of Knoxlyn.

-- The 15th Annual **Minnikota Youth Retreat for all 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders** will be held at Inspiration Hills on April 25, 26, & 27! Registration forms are due April 1. Please submit your form to the Church office. Church will cover the registration cost for all First CRC 6th thru 8th grade students. A form was provided in your Church mailbox and extras are available on the table in the Narthex.

-- The Fellowship Committee is hosting a **Church Potluck** on Sunday, April 6 after Sunday School and Catechism conclude that morning. The Committee will provide the sandwiches and beverages. Please bring a salad and/or dessert to share and your own tableware. We hope to see you all there as we fellowship together!

-- You are invited to **Cornerstone Prison Church's** Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, April 7 at 6:30pm at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. Enjoy an evening celebrating 20 years of God's faithfulness to Cornerstone! RSVP by March 28 by calling or texting Tim Van Tilburg at 712-470-5009.

-- Book Club's next book is Kisses from Katie by Katie Davis. Discussion Night is April 21. Book copies are available to borrow on the table in the Narthex.

GOSPEL MISSION SERVICE DATES

-- **April 8 - Sioux City - Care Groups 6 & 7** will be serving at the Sioux City Gospel Mission. Please make plans to attend with your groups that evening. **A preparation meeting for both groups will be held after the morning worship service next Sunday, March 30 in Classroom #1.**



- **April 8 - Sioux City - Care Groups 6 & 7**
- **April 29 - Sioux Falls - Care Groups 2 & 8**
- **June 23 - Sioux Falls - Care Groups 4 & 5**
- **June 24 - Sioux City - Care Groups 1 & 3**



March 23, 2025

SONG LEADER:

Jack VB

USHERS:

East: Taylor K, Rick D

West: Joe M, Gene L

NURSERY:

AM: Kelsey VB, Jamie Z,

Aftyn B, Ava VO

PM: Taryn VH, Teeghan B

GREETERS:

AM: Myron & Amy B

Austin & Allison B

Dan & Shannon B

PM: Elmer & Lori B

Karl & Alyssa B

Josh & Katie B

NARTHEX: Vern & Ellen

VIDEO: Ron L

SOUND: Rich R

OFFERING:

AM: Justice For All

PM: Mid-Sioux

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Bob K

Maletoungou: Mike K

Klompens: Matthew L

PIANIST: Lois K

PPT: Tammy B

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Karen J *Helper:* Teeghan B

March 26, 2025 - Prayer Day Service

SONG LEADER:

James VB

USHERS:

East: Joel B, Matt VE

West: Tyler DB, Alvin L

NURSERY: Jackie R, Ezra H

GREETERS:

Mike VZ

Jack & Kelsey VB

Gerrit & Kay V

VIDEO: Rich R

SOUND: Evan VB **PPT:** Carla J

OFFERING:

World Renew

PIANIST: Rachelle VB

March 30, 2025

SONG LEADER:

Andy VR

USHERS:

East: Cody D, Mike B

West: Cole VDB, Titus H

NURSERY:

AM: Amy B, Allison B,

Kayla B, Darren VR

PM: Shannon B, Noah DK

GREETERS:

AM: Mitchell & Kelsi B

Randy & Pat B

Cody & Em D

PM: Rick & Bonnie D

Vern & Carol DB

Kevin & Diana DG

NARTHEX: Harlan & Priscilla

VIDEO: Aiden VR

SOUND: Leonard H

OFFERING:

AM: SF Gospel Mission

PM: Building Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Alvin L

Maletoungou: Evan L

Klompens: Gene L

PIANIST: Krista VE

PPT: Jaydn L

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Rachelle VB *Helper:* Kennedy VH

"Community in Christ"

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@firstcrcrv.org

-- Meetings - April 2, 16, & 30 (Senior Farewell)



- **Cadets** - Meeting - March 26 - 7:00pm at Trinity CRC
- Meeting - April 9 - 7:00pm at First CRC
- Cadet-O-Rama - April 16 - 6:00pm
- Walk Ditches/Points Auction - April 23 (last mtg) - 6:00pm
- **GEMS** - Meeting - March 26 - 6:30pm
- Meeting - April 16 - 6:30pm
- Meeting - April 23 - 6:30pm (last mtg)

SERMON NOTES:

March 23, 2025

TODAY: **8:45 AM:** Choir Practice in the Sanctuary
 9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service
10:45 AM: Sunday School/Catechism
 6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service
 7:15 PM: Missions Presentation

MON: **5:30-7:00 PM:** CEC Taco Supper

TUES: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Philippians #1

WED: **6:30 PM:** GEMS
 7:00 PM: Prayer Day Service
 Cadets - meet at Trinity CRC

THURS: **1:30 PM:** L.I.F.T Bible Study - Lunch: Faye M & Gayle W

PRAYER REMINDERS

Sympathy

- ♦ Eric & Erica Van Surksum & family

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Larry Haak, Howard Altena, Paula Kats, Clarence Klarenbeek, Ruth Koedam, John De Roon, Trevor & Karisa Van't Hul family, Mandy Visser



Flood Relief, Recovery

Our Care Center Residents:

Whispering Heights

Jennie Maassen
Don Postma
Grace Teunissen
Joan Van Maanen
Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo
Alvina Van't Hul

River View Ridge

Nathan Dorhout
Jim Driesen
Gerrit & Esther Kats
LeRoy & Jane Koedam
Henrietta Vanden Bosch

Hull - Pleasant Acres

Jerry Velgersdyk
Crown Pointe - SC
Harriet Vande Kamp
Four Seasons
Teresa Oostra

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

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (World Renew) *Partnerships* - Give thanks with us for the sustainable development made possible through our partnerships. These working relationships are formed through associations of similar organizations that can build each other up, commitments from churches in North America to volunteer or give, and agreements with denominations across the world. Pray that these partnerships may be effective, mutually beneficial, and God honoring.

Outreach

- ♦ Orphan Grain Train

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Faith Kirkley

Wednesday - John De Roon (80)

Thursday - Taylor Altena

Friday - Judy Van Otterloo, *the Evan Altena's*

Saturday - Tad Miller, Jadyn Petitt, Rachelle Vanden Bos

FUTURE DATES

March 31 - Council Meeting

April 6 - Church Potluck

April 8 - Care Groups 6 & 7 service at Sioux City Gospel Mission

April 13 - Palm Sunday

April 17 - Maundy Thursday Service

April 18 - Good Friday Service

April 20 - Easter/No Sunday School or Catechism

April 27 - Christian Education Sunday/Final session of Sunday School & Catechism

April 29 - Care Groups 2 & 8 service at Sioux Falls Gospel Mission

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

◇ SCRIIP Orders due - 9am - Monday, March 24

◇ Coffee Cuttin' Club - 9:30am - Monday, March 24

◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, March 26

◇ **RVCS Preschool Open House** - April 2 - Family names A-M meet 6:30-7:00pm and family names N-Z meet 7:00-7:30pm. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Kandi Van Oort by email at kandy.vanoort@rockvalleychristian.com.

◇ **Kindergarten Round-Up** - April 8 - More information to follow.

◇ Reminder to parents that have their youngest child graduating high school in May, please notify Haeley Faber @ haeley.faber@rockvalleychristian.com for your SCRIP payout.

◇ As the RVCS Annual Meeting approaches in June, the Board of Directors is seeking individuals who would be interested and willing to serve a 3-year term on the Board. Positions to be filled for 2025 are First CRC, Calvin CRC, and two at-large members. To make a nomination contact Andy Van Roekel at 470-6490 or email at andy.vanroekel@gmail.com before April 7.

Western Christian High School:

◇ 9:30am start - Wednesday, March 26

◇ Are you ready for high school? On **Thursday, April 3** we would like to welcome all **8th grade students and parents** to Western Christian High School. We will serve a free supper to our guests between 5:15-6:15pm, and the main program will start in the Event Center at 6:15pm. We ask that parents and students attend 8th Grade Day together.

Rock Valley Community School:

◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, March 26

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrcv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise:**

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

LUYH:1-3

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

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

CH:1

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 11 - Q/A 29-30 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Songs of Preparation:**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

PsH 408:1,3

"For the Cause"

GH:1,2,5

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Jeremiah 11 (page 712/1190)

Sermon: **"JESUS CAME TO BIND THE BROKEN COVENANT"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Forever Jesus"

GH:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Mid-Sioux

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "There Is a Redeemer"**

PH 20:3

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Lois Klarenbeek

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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 Hoogendoom '26 - (470-0697)
Scott Koedam '25 - (470-7037)
Ron LeLoux, *Vicar* '26 - (470-2426)
Nate Van Kley, *Clerk* '25 - (470-2348)

----- Care Group 1 -----
----- 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 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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