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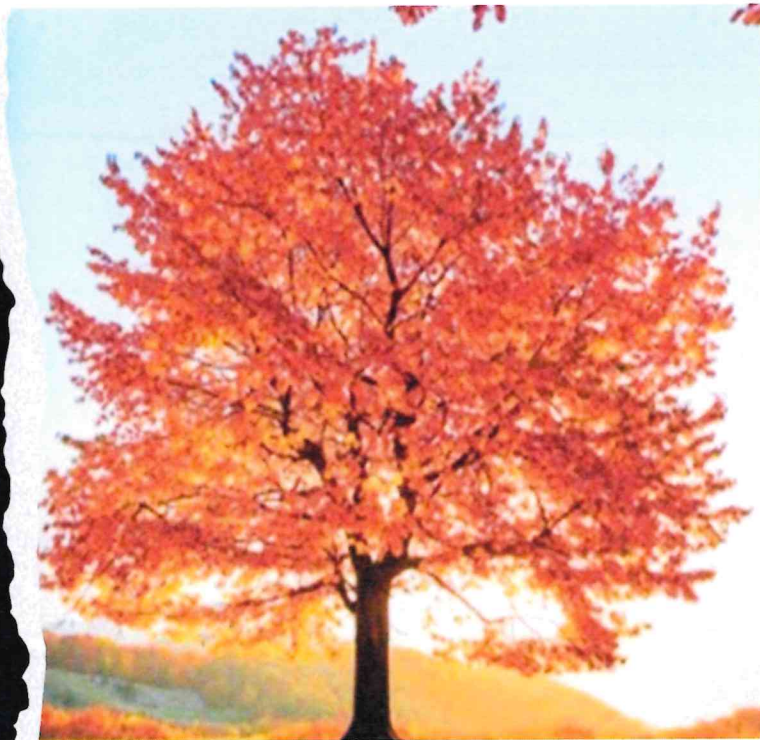
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*Psalm 8:1
"Lord, our
Lord, how
majestic is
your name in
all the earth!
You have set
your glory in
the heavens."*



THE LORD'S DAY
October 26, 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:

"Behold Our God"

SG:1-3

Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"This is My Father's World"

BsH 374:1-2

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "All Glory Be to Christ"**

Vs:1-2

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 8 (page 503/848)

Sermon: **"FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

GsH:1,2,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Justice For All & Building Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"This is My Father's World"

BsH 374:3

Piano Postlude

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

*Please stand if you are able

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ROCK VALLEY, IOWA
October 26, 2025**

*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!*

WELCOME!

TODAY

- Saved to Serve Bible Study will meet tonight after the evening service instead of November 2.
- November Faith & Life Newsletters are available in the bulletin racks.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Paula Kats continues to recover from her surgery. She has been moved to Hegg Health Center in Rock Valley where she will stay for an undetermined amount of time to help with healing. Continue to uplift Paula with encouragement and prayer.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The *first* offering received today will be for our **Justice For All**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **Building Fund**. The offerings for next week will be for our Benevolent Fund and our CEC.

Note from the Deacons: Please continue to prayerfully consider donating to the General Fund to help catch up an approximate \$60,000 shortage for the 2025 budget. Please indicate General Fund in your check memo. *Thank you!*

Note from IGNITE Youth Group: We are excited to have 6 members planning to travel on the Guatemala Mission Trip, and we are hoping for a great response to the Summer opportunity with ThereforeGo Service & Learning Trip! Due to the increased transportation costs, there is a need for extra financial support to ensure these projects can go forward as planned. Please prayerfully consider donating to these opportunities for our youth! *Thank you!*

- The Elders/Deacons will have a Council meeting tomorrow, Monday, October 27 at 6:30pm.

- Final call to sign-up to attend the service and serve with the Mission Committee at Freedom's Gate Church on Sunday, November 2 at 5pm. **You must be 18 or older to sign-up and attend.**

- **Meals on Wheels** - It is our turn to deliver meals to the elderly of our community the week of **November 10-14**. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the Narthex! Please consider giving of your time to bless all those who receive these meals. *Thank you!*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- Book Club's next book for reading is *Tea with Elephants* by Robin Jones Gunn. Two copies of the book are available on the table in the Narthex. Please sign in/out when borrowing the book. Book Discussion night is Monday, November 10.

-- *Bring your finest recipe and put your chili to the test!* The Fellowship Committee is planning a **Chili Cook-Off** on Thursday, November 13 from 6:00-8:00pm. A sign-up sheet to enter as a cook for making your finest chili is on the table in the Narthex. ***Please enter by TODAY, October 26!*** *Everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy the chili that is prepared by each entry, as well as cinnamon rolls that will be provided, and to ultimately judge which chili is your favorite!*

-- Wednesday, November 19, IGNITE Youth Group will host be hosting their annual **Potato Bake Supper** from 5:00-7:00pm! This year, after the Potato Bake **ALL** members and families of First CRC are encouraged to support and attend the **Annual Congregational Meeting** that will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm. Grab supper and stay for meeting!

-- "Are you Called to Ministry?" - Explore this question with Classis Iakota at an event being held at Dordt University on November 22 from 10am-3pm.

-- A COMMUNITY Thanksgiving Meal will be held on Tuesday, November 25 at Trinity CRC. Meals will be available in-person or to-go from 5:30-7:00pm. The meals are for EVERYONE and are FREE of charge, but you do need to RSVP by indicating your name, # of meals, & to-go or in-person on the sign-up sheet provided on a table in the Narthex. Opportunities to help with the meal include: donations of pies, desserts, or salads, or to help serve, in which sign-up sheets are also available. May God bless this Community time of gathering together to GIVE THANKS! *All are welcome!*

Remember

What if your joy ran so deep that you just couldn't help
brightening any room you entered?

"It is You who blesses the righteous man, O Lord,
You surround him with favor as a with a shield."

Psalms 5:12

October 26, 2025

SONG LEADER:

Tricia M

USHERS:

East: Joel B, Matt VE

West: Tyler DB, Alvin L

NURSERY:

AM: Laurie VK, Jaelyn K, Harper B

PM: Ashley VO, Alison L

GREETERS:

AM: Loy & Janice VH

Loy & Taryn VH

Mark & Deb VH

PM: Mike & Christal VH

Mitchel & Shelby VH

Tim & Kendra VT

NARTHEX: Harlan & Priscilla

OFFERING:

AM: Justice For All

PM: Building Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Justin F

Maletoungou: Marv F

Klompies: Bob G

PIANIST: Carisa M

VIDEO: Brian F **SOUND:** Evan VB **PPT:** Benjamin H

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Karen J *Helper:* Kennedy VH

November 2, 2025

PRAISE TEAM:

Kelsi B, Ashley VO,

Andy VR, Mike B

USHERS:

East: Arnold K, Bob G

West: Benjamin H, Keith L

NURSERY:

AM: Judy VO, Tad M, Jordyn K

PM: Sharla VR, Harper VB

GREETERS:

AM: Mike VZ

Jack & Kelsey VB

Gerrit & Kay V

PM: Harm & Bonnie W

Ryan & Kelci Z

Blake & Genae Z

NARTHEX: Ron & Darletta

OFFERING:

AM: Benevolent Fund

PM: CEC

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Galen G

Maletoungou: Irene G

Klompies: Brad G

PIANIST: Krista VE

VIDEO: Rich R **SOUND:** Mike H **PPT:** Carla J

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Jill M *Helper:* Isaac P



Youth Group Email: youth@firstcrcrv.org



-- Meeting - Wednesday, November 5

-- Annual Potato Bake - Wednesday, November 19



-- Meeting - Wednesday, November 12 - 7:00pm at First CRC

-- Meeting - Wednesday, November 19 - 7:00pm at Trinity CRC



-- Meeting - Wednesday, November 19 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

SERMON NOTES:

October 26, 2025

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

MON: **6:30 PM:** Council Meeting

TUES: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Lesson 7

WED: **6:00 AM:** 3D Leadership Bible Study
7:00 PM: Men's Society - Lesson 2
Together in Faith Bible Study - Exodus #3

THURS: **1:30 PM:** LIFT - Lesson 5 - Lunch: Kay & Faye

PRAYER REMINDERS

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Paula Kats (CG#1); Skyler Zomer (CG#4), Nate Van Kley (CG#1)
- ♦ Family/Friends of Our Church Family: Gerald Van Den Top, Judy Wesselink, Hazel Van Der Brink, Jason Davelaar, and Rev. Dan De Groot

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#6)

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

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (Communications) *Reformation Day* - As we mark the anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, let us praise God for His renewing work in His church around the world and throughout the ages. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide church members and leaders in the truth and to draw believers ever closer to God.

Outreach

- ♦ Orphan Grain Train

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Dawson Kooima

Monday - Sue LeLoux, Savannah Van Surksun

Wednesday - Jaelyn Kats

Thursday - Amy Bleyenbergh, Andrew Haan, Brett Kirkley, Kya Kirkley,
Ellen Van Beek, Carson Van Surksun, Ryan Zevenbergen

Friday - Tim Van Tilburg, Jr.

Saturday - *the Gerrit Vis' (51)*

FUTURE DATES

October - Pastor Appreciation Month

November 9 - Military Tribute in honor of Veteran's Day

November 10 - Book Club Discussion Night

November 10-14 - Meals on Wheels

November 13 - Chili Cook-Off hosted by the Fellowship Committee

November 16 - Baptism Sunday/Final session of Fall classes for SS/Catechism

November 19 - IGNITE Youth Group Potato Bake & Annual Congregational Meeting

November 23 - Profession of Faith Sunday/P-6th Christmas program practice begins

November 27 - Thanksgiving Day Service

November 30 - Communion/1st Sunday of Advent

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ SCRIIP Orders due - Monday, October 27 - 9:00am
- ◇ Interscholastic Speech @ RVCS - Monday, October 27
- ◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, October 29
- ◇ Noon dismissal for PT Conferences - Wednesday, November 5 & Thursday, November 6
- ◇ No School - Friday, November 7
- ◇ RVCS will be hosting a **Veterans Day Program** on Friday, November 14. Coffee for Veterans: 8:30 a.m. Program begins: 9:00 a.m. Location: RVCS Gym

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ 9:25am Start - Wednesday, October 29
- ◇ Noon dismissal for PT Conferences - Monday, November 3 & Tuesday, November 4
- ◇ No School - Friday, November 7
- ◇ Explore Western, on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00pm. Families with students of all ages are welcome to attend the hour-long event.
- ◇ The Bargain Alley Thrift Store is currently in need of toddler/youth clothing. A reminder that the store is located at 1103 Maple Street in Hull and is open Tuesday - Saturday. Please contact Kari with any questions. bargainalleyhull@gmail.com or 712-439-6800. *Thank you!*

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, October 29
- ◇ PT Conferences - Tuesday, October 28 & Thursday, October 30 from 4-8pm.
- ◇ No School - Friday, October 31

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrv.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: "Blessed Be Your Name"** LUYH:1-4

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

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

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 36 Q/A 99-100 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Songs of Preparation:**

"More Precious Than Silver" PH:1

"Jesus, Strong and Kind" Vs:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 2 Kings 15:8-31 (page 352/596)

Sermon: **"ZERO FOR FIVE"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"The Glorious Gates of Righteousness" BsH 234:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Building Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"There Is a Redeemer" PH 20:3

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

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2025 COUNCIL

MINISTER:
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ELDERS:

Evan Vanden Bosch, *President* '25 - (470-1022)
 Randy Vande Kamp '26 - (541-7500)
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 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)
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 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, Scott K, Sharla VR, Alyssa VH
Sunday School Superintendent	Damon R
Christian Education Committee	Dan & Shannon B, Pastor Matt & Holly H, Steve & April DK, Brad & Nanci G, Matthew & Autumn L, Keith & Jacque L, Joe & Jill M
Rock Valley Calvinist Board	Ron L, Mike P
CADET Leaders	Brian F, Kevin J, Ryan Z
GEMS Leaders	Sharla VR, Alli DB, Shanna L, Bonnie W, Kelci Z
Youth Group Sponsors	Delanie VB, Brad & Brenda P, Mark & Deb VH, Loy & Taryn VH, 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, Jackie R, Krista VE, Rachelle VB
Nursery Committee	Jackie R, Kelsey VB
Tech Committee	Brian F, Joe M, Rich R, Andy VR
Sound System Team	James VB (Chr.), Mike H, Leonard H, Rich R, Evan VB, Jack VB, Blake Z
Video Recording Team	Brian F (Chr.), Alex K, Ron L, Rich R, Carter VB, Aiden VR
PowerPoint System Team	Rachelle VB (Chr.), Tammy B, Benjamin H, Carla J, Jaydn L, Cowan VK, 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.), Colton VO, Jamie DJ, Delanie VB, Kelsey VB, Damon R, 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, Jamie DJ, 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 Klompier-Nepal (mklompier@crcna.org)

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