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God works the EXTRAORDINARY
through the ORDINARY.

(Acts 11:19-30)



THE LORD'S DAY
September 7, 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:

"By Faith"

GH:1,2,5

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"Moment By Moment"

CG:1-2

Preparatory Exhortation for the Lord's Supper (page 149 - back of Psalter)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"** PsH 446:1-3

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 11:19-30 (page 1020/1711)

Sermon: **"WHEN GOD'S HAND IS EVIDENT, WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE?"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"The Potter's Hand"

WH:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Benevolent Fund & CEC

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"My Friends, May You Grow In Grace"

LUYH:1

Piano Postlude

Pianist: Krista Van Engen

*Please stand if you are able

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September 7, 2025

WELCOME!

TODAY

-- This morning we will be taking part in the Preparatory Exhortation of the Lord's Supper. Next Sunday, Lord willing, we will take part in the distribution of the Lord's Supper. Please prepare your hearts and minds for this Holy Sacrament. **If you have requested a gluten-free bread option, your Communion cup will be provided in your Church mailbox for next week's service.*

-- We rejoice and welcome Davis Van Roekel as he has transferred his membership from Boyden Reformed Church. May God richly bless Davis & Aubrie here at First CRC!

-- The Fall Season of Sunday School/Catechism/Children in Worship begins TODAY!

EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE & APPRECIATION

-- *Thank you to our Church family for all the prayers, letters, phone calls, and encouragement throughout Clarence's cancer treatments. Thank you to Pastor Matt & Holly and Elder Darwin & Tracy Hoogendoorn for your visits and prayers. We are grateful that his last report showed that he is currently free of cancer! He will continue to be monitored with routine checkups. We appreciate the love and support through all of our health struggles, and we praise God for His faithful care and presence in our lives. Thank you! -- Clarence & Mary Ann Klarenbeek*

-- *We praise God for the miracle of health & growth for our sweet granddaughter, Maggie, and for many miles traveled in safety & the incredible support for Cory, Mariah & Colt during Maggie's NICU stay. "Grow, Maggie, grow" was our daily prayer. Maggie was able to go home 2 weeks ago, well ahead of her September 20 due date & weighs over 5 pounds. Thank you so much for the many ways you loved & supported all of us! -- Rob & Karen Jansen & family*

-- *Thank you for your generous and faithful support of our CEC Envelope Challenge Fundraiser! If you have envelopes to turn in yet, please drop them in the office mailbox. Thank you! -- CEC Committee*

PRAYER CONCERNS

-- Nate Van Kley will tentatively undergo surgery this week depending on scan results. The surgery he anticipates will remove the cancerous portion of his tongue. Please pray for wisdom for the surgeons and that the surgery may be successful, strength and healing for Nate as he anticipates a lengthy and challenging recovery, and endurance for the entire family as they walk this journey together.

-- Carol De Roon was admitted to the hospital overnight on September 1 due to issues with kidney stones. Pray for comfort and pain management as she anticipates a follow-up procedure in the future.

-- Ruth Koedam was hospitalized in Sioux Falls this past week. Continue to pray for Ruth and her continued treatments and health struggles.

-- Paula Kats was hospitalized in Sioux Falls this past week. Continue to pray for Paula and her overall health and strength.

-- Judy Wesselink, mother of Kelsi Byl, will undergo a lumpectomy surgery on Tuesday, September 9. Pray for a successful surgery and strength and healing in her recovery.

-- Continue to be in prayer for Hazel Mae Van Der Brink, granddaughter of Bob & Cherie Groeneweg. Hazel, daughter of Erin & Alan, was born at 26 weeks and is in the NICU in Sioux Falls. Pray for growth, strength, and health for Hazel.

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Colton & Leah Van Surksun & family as Leah's grandfather, John Van Middendorp of Washington, passed away last week Thursday, August 28. His funeral was held Friday, September 5. May God provide His peace to the family during this time of sorrow.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The *first* offering received today will be for our **Benevolent Fund**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **CEC**. The offerings next week will be for Cadets and our General Fund.
- Meals on Wheels - Our turn to deliver meals to the elderly of our community is this week September 8-12. *Thank you to all of the volunteers who have signed up to deliver meals!*
- Coffee Break Registration will be held this week Tuesday, September 9 from 10-11:00am in our Church Fellowship Hall.
- CCC Bible Study led by Pastor Matt begins this week Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00pm.
- LIFT Bible Study led by Pastor Matt begins this week Thursday, September 11 at 1:30pm.
- The Fellowship Committee is hosting a **Garden Tour at Van Grouw Acres** on Thursday, September 18 at 6:30pm. Come and pick fresh flowers and put together a beautiful flower arrangement! Light refreshments will be provided. Sign-up on the sheet provided in the Narthex by Sunday, September 14. Contact Kendra Jansen or Patty Haak with any questions.
- 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. Books are also available at the public library.
- July Receipts: General Fund - \$31,848.22; Benevolent Fund - \$1,162.19; Building Fund - \$6,044.29; Mission Fund - \$800.00.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

- Elder/Deacon nomination ballots were placed in your Church mailbox. Please complete and return the ballots in the envelopes provided on the table in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Guatemala Mission Trip 2026**: There will be a brief meeting following the morning service next week Sunday, September 14 for anyone interested in going on the Guatemala mission trip during the week of February 8-14, 2026. This meeting will be held in the Church library. If you are interested in going on the trip, but are unable to attend the meeting, please call/text Tammy Haverhals at #712-470-6607 prior to October 1.

CEC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Harvest Is Upon Us!** - The CEC reminds all of our farm families that we are willing and excited to be able to help out your operations again this year by covering your silage piles! *Please contact Jill Miller to arrange times/locations - 712-441-0136.*

***To all church families/members: We ask that everyone is represented and anyone who is able bodied and ages high school through adult is asked to sign up to help!**

*Another way to help at the silage piles! The CEC Committee invites you to provide bars, chips, and drinks for those that are volunteering on the silage piles.

- **CEC Annual Auction** is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15! Each CEC family is asked to donate 2 or more items. Youth Group please start thinking of the items/services that you will be contributing as well! The CEC is asking for 40lbs of ground beef for the auction meal. We are also looking for corn donations! Please call Brad Grevengoed at 712-541-7617.

Thank you for your donations!

- ♦ This year instead of doing a beef raffle and beef/pork bundles at the CEC Auction, the CEC will be partnering with Old Parlor Meat Company so you will be able to create your own bundles. There will be no extra beef/pork bundles at the pre-sale auction. An order form was provided to you in your Church mailbox in which you can fill out your order and turn it in to the basket provided on the table in the Narthex - **Due September 14**. Order pick-up will be the day of the auction at Church. Please note: We will still be raffling off two pork halves the night of the auction.

September 7, 2025

SONG LEADER:

Holly H, Tammy B,
James VB, Nolan VO

USHERS:

East: Cody D, Mike B
West: Cole VDB, Titus H

NURSERY:

AM: Sharla VR, Titus H, Hudsyn P
PM: Genae Z, Jaelyn K

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

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Jamie DJ *Helper:* Jaydn L

GREETERS:

AM: Taylor & Jessica K
Brett & Malorie K
Chloe K

PM: Trevor & Lexi K
Jeremy & Abbie K
Alex & Michelle K

NARTHEX: Harlan & Priscilla

OFFERING:

AM: Benevolent Fund
PM: CEC

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Randy B
Maletoungou: Bradyn D
Klompens: Cody D

PIANIST: Krista VE

September 14, 2025 - Communion

SONG LEADER:

Rachelle VB

USHERS:

East: Josh B, Mike VZ
West: Dan B, Darin P

NURSERY:

AM: Alison L, Erica VR, Kennedy VH
Trevin VK, Darren VR
PM: Jamie Z, Tad M

VIDEO: Brian F **SOUND:** Mike H **PPT:** Benjamin H

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Jamie DJ *Helper:* Jaydn L

GREETERS:

AM: Darin & Megan K
Mike & Ranae K
Matthew & Autumn L
PM: Alvin & Sue L
Evan & Rhonda L
Gene & Carla L

NARTHEX: Ron & Darletta

OFFERING:

AM: Cadets
PM: General Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Rick D
Maletoungou: Vern DB
Klompens: Kevin DG

PIANIST: AM: Jackie R
PM: Carisa M



-- Meeting - Wednesday, September 17 - Mentor Night - 7:00pm at Calvin CRC



-- "Fall is here and Cadets is starting again! Our kickoff meeting will be held this week Wednesday, September 10. We will be meeting at the Cadet workshop building at 6:30pm, roasting hot dogs, and doing some organizational items. At 7:15pm we will be joining our Veterans for a flag retirement ceremony. We invite all 4th through 8th grade boys and any of their families who wish to attend to join us. Hope to see you there!" - Merle



-- GEMS Kick-Off - Wednesday, September 10 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

SERMON NOTES:

September 7, 2025

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

MON: 11:00 AM: Meals on Wheels - Sharla Van Roekel

TUES: 10:00 AM: Coffee Break Registration
11:00 AM: Meals on Wheels - Marva Haak
6:30 PM: Council Meeting

WED: 11:00 AM: Meals on Wheels - Harm Wiersma
6:30 PM: Cadets Kick-Off
6:45 PM: GEMS Kick-Off
7:00 PM: CCC Bible Study

THURS: 11:00 AM: Meals on Wheels - Kevin Jansma
1:30 PM: LIFT Bible Study

FRI: 11:00 AM: Meals on Wheels - Lyle & Joyce Van Engen

PRAYER REMINDERS

Welcome

- ♦ Davis Van Roekel (CG#4)

Sympathy

- ♦ Colton & Leah Van Surksun Family

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Nate Van Kley (CG#1); Carol De Roon (CG#4); Ruth Koedam (CG#2); Paula Kats (CG#1); Darwin Hoogendoorn (CG#2); Mary Van't Hul (CG#6)
- ♦ Family/Friends of Our Church Family: 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

- ♦ Cornertstone Prison Ministry

Classis Yakota - 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.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Teeghan Breuer, Sedona Smith, *the Michael Ellenberger's*

Tuesday - *the Galen Grevengoed's*

Wednesday - Jensen Smith, *the Trevor Koedam's*

Thursday - Lynette Altena, Henry Kats

Friday - Aubrie Van Roekel

Saturday - Chetson De Jager, *the Jesse Eppinga's*

FUTURE DATES

September 14 - Communion

September 16 - Coffee Break begins

September 17 - Men's Society/Together in Faith/LIGHT/Profession of Faith Class all begin

September 18 - Garden Tour at Van Grouw Acres hosted by the Fellowship Committee

September 29 - Council Meeting

October 1 - 3D Leadership Bible Study begins

October 15 - CEC Bake Sale/Auction

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ SCIP Orders Due - Monday, September 8 - 9:00am
- ◇ ARROWS Color Run - Tuesday, September 9 - 6:30pm at Rivers Bend Campground
- ◇ Puffin Orders Due - Wednesday, September 10
- ◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, September 10
- ◇ Board Meeting - Wednesday, September 10

Labels for Learning is Back - Help Support RVCS!

- Best Choice UPCs: Clip the UPCs from any Best Choice products and drop them in the collection box located in the RVCS entryway.
- Loaves 4 Learning: Cut out the UPCs from Pan-O-Gold brands like Country Hearth, Village Hearth, Artisan Hearth, New England, Lakeland, and Family Choice. Return them to school and place them in the designated collection box in the RVCS entryway.
- Box Tops for Education App: Simply scan your receipt using the Box Tops app after purchasing participating products - no clipping required!
- Casey's Rewards - Cash for Classrooms: Turn your Casey's purchases - whether in-store, online, or at the pump - into donations for RVCS! Just sign up for Casey's Rewards through the app or at Caseys.com.

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ 9:25am Start - Wednesday, September 10

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◇ 1:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, September 10

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrcrv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Hymn Sing

"Day by Day"

PH 37:1,3

"Our God Reigns"

PH 72:1,3

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise: "His Mercy is More"**

PH:1-3

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

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

CH:1

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 30 Q/A 80-82 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"Living Waters"

GH:1,2,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Ezekiel 9 (page 773/1295)

Sermon: **"JUSTICE COMES TO END INJUSTICE"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

GH:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: CEC

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

GH:4

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Krista Van Engen

*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, 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
Youth Group Sponsors	Delanie VB, Brad & Brenda P, Mark & Deb VH, Loy & Taryn VH, Kristi H, Mike K, Dave & Amy VB, Nate VK (Liaison)
Welcome Committ.	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
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, Carla J, 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, 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 mribbens@crcna.org or Megan at mribbens@gmail.com)

Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou-West Africa (email smaletoungou@crcna.org)

Rev. Mark & Jinhee Klompjen-Nepal (mklompjen@crcna.org)

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