

**Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church
September 11, 2022
Rev. Luke Baehr, Senior Pastor**

Jesus, in our hearts we carry grief, anxiety, weariness and more. Help us release those burdens to you and take on your lighter yoke: a peace the world cannot give.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.

GOD GATHERS US

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Opening Praise

*Let Everything That Has Breath
Speak, O Lord*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Welcome & Peace

Refrain of Thanks

Jesus Is Lord of All

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer of Illumination

Children's Message (Kids Church – ages 3-4th grade meet downstairs)

Scripture Matthew 25:14-30

Message Abiding in God's Word (Sermon Version)

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

Announcements

Prayers of the Church

GOD SENDS US OUT

*Sending Song

In My Life Lord, Be Glorified

*Charge & Benediction

*Doxology

Glory Be to the Father

*Postlude

**Congregation please stand.*

Next Week's Scripture: Romans 10:9-15

Those Serving Today

Pianist: Mary Paul

Nursery: Sarah Leystra

Kids Church – Today

Leader: Stacy Jahn

Helper: Emma Grieger

Next Sunday – September 18

Leader: Jacqui Hollander

Helper: Bryelle Hollander

Today

The psalmist tells us: "From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised" (Psalm 113:3 NRSV). So we gather to worship him now. Welcome!

This Week's Activities

Monday, September 12

6:30 p.m. - Elder's Meeting – Anyone wishing to request baptism, make Profession of Faith or join our church by transfer of membership is invited to attend.

7:00 p.m. – Consistory Meeting

Tuesday, September 13

7:30 a.m. – Men's Bible Study Genesis Chapter 43-44

Wednesday, September 14

3:30 p.m. - Catechism

Thursday, September 15

8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – Exodus Bible Study

Sunday, September 18 Sunday School Kickoff

9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Pianist: Lois Wendlandt

Nursery: Stacy & Katelyn Saeman

Announcements

Global Prayer Partners Today - After worship, all are invited to our monthly prayer gathering focused specifically on lifting up our missionaries and their work. Praying out loud not required! Not only have we had a chance to renew several missionary connections this summer, but we can also pray specifically for our missionaries whose ministries will see a ramp-up with returns to school.

RCYF & Cornerstone - This year, both our high school (RCYF) and our middle school (Cornerstone) youth groups will be meeting at one overlapping time - 7:00-8:30 on Wednesday evenings starting on September 21. Our youth groups are opportunities for teenagers to come together for fun, fellowship, and opportunities to put faith into action. Check out the fall schedule in the September *Messenger*. Please let Pastor Luke know if you have any questions or if you'd be interested in volunteering with youth in any capacity.

September Messenger – Is now available on the bulletin shelf in the narthex.

Catechism 2022/2023 – Catechism class for 1st- 5th grade will begin on this Wednesday, September 14 at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday School Kick-Off Celebration – Sunday, September 18th is the Sunday School Sunday. Children will meet their teachers and see their classrooms. There will be a scavenger hunt for the younger children and playing Family Feud for the rest of the congregation. Then there will be all-church picnic with Bible bingo, water balloon games and root beer floats to follow. All are welcome!

Middle Sunday School Teacher - A middle school Sunday School teacher is still needed! Please prayerfully consider serving in this way. Please contact Stacy Saeman if you are interested.

RCYF Pie Stand Thank You - A big Thank You to everyone who supported our RCYF high school youth group with 55+ pie and ice cream donations for our annual Labor Day Pie Stand. It turned out to be a wonderful day to be out serving pie with \$1225 raised for RCYF. Any non-disposable pie dishes that need to be picked up are available in the narthex.