

Next Week is Communion Sunday!



*God meets us in the sacraments,
holy acts that call for our response...*

*In the supper our Lord offers
the bread and cup to believers to
guarantee our share in his
death and resurrection,
and unite us to him and to each other.*

*We take this food gladly,
announcing as we eat
that Jesus is our life
and that He shall come again
to call us to the Supper of the Lamb.*

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***Come share the fellowship
of the forgiven!***

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

August 20, 2017

"I will extol you, O My God, and praise you, O my King;"

Prelude: Joni Beezhold

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

Pastor: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

People: Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.

Pastor: Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?

**People: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.**

-Based on Rev. 15:3-4

*** Opening Hymn: LUYH 561:1-3 *"I Will Extol You, O My God"***

1. I will extol you, O my God,
and praise you, O my King;
yes, every day and evermore
your praises I will sing.
Great is the LORD, our mighty God,
and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable,
above all glory raised.
2. Each generation to the next
shall testimony bear,
and to your praise, from age to age,
your wondrous acts declare.
Upon your glorious majesty
and honor I will dwell,
and all your grand and glorious works
and greatness I will tell.
3. Your mighty acts and glorious deeds
we shall with awe confess.
Your goodness we will celebrate
and sing your righteousness.
Most gracious and compassionate
is God, who reigns above;
his wrath is ever slow to rise,
unbounded is his love.

PSALM 145; Words: Psalter, 1912, alt., P.D.; Music: English; adapt.
Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874, P.D.

*** God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other**

* Opening Songs of Praise:

Read Revelation 7:9-12

⁹ After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

¹² saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen!"

"Salvation Belongs to Our God" LUYH #608:1, 2

1. Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb.
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
honor and power and strength

Refrain

*be to our God forever and ever,
be to our God forever and ever,
be to our God forever and ever. Amen.*

2. And we, the redeemed, shall be strong
in purpose and unity, declaring aloud:
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
honor and power and strength

Refrain

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"Blessed Be Your Name" LUYH #343:1-4

1. Blessed be your name
in the land that is plentiful,
where your streams of abundance flow;
blessed be your name.
2. Blessed be your name
when I'm found in the desert place.
Though I walk through the wilderness,
blessed be your name.

Refrain

*Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name."
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."*

3. Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's "all as it should be"; blessed be your name.
4. Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering;
though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

Refrain

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*Following the conclusion of this song children ages 3-1st grade are
dismissed to the Koinonia Room for Children & Worship.*

"Yes, every day and evermore your praises I will sing."

Call and Prayer of Confession:

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance:

Guide for Grateful Living: LUYH #718

Leader: Hear the Word of the Lord:

"I am the LORD your God; who brought you
out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an image in
the form of anything in heaven above or on
the earth beneath or in the waters below.

You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor."

**People: With God's grace and the support of each other as part of Christ's
body we promise: I will love the Lord, our God, with all my heart,
soul, and mind, and my neighbor as myself.**

Leader: May the God of peace, who through the blood of
the eternal covenant brought back from the dead
our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,
equip you with everything good for doing his will,
and may he work in us what is pleasing to him,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Text: based on Exodus 20:-1-17; Matthew 22:37-40;
Hebrews 13:20-21, NIV*

Hymn of Assurance: LUYH 565:1,3 ***“God Himself Is With Us”***

1. God himself is with us; let us now adore him,
and with awe appear before him.
God is in his temple; all within keep silence,
prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
Him alone do we own as our God and Savior;
praise his name forever.
3. Fount of every blessing, purify my spirit,
trusting only in your merit.
Like the holy angels who behold your glory,
may I ceaselessly adore you,
and in all, great and small, seek to do most nearly
what you love so dearly.

Words: Gerhardt Tersteegen (1729); tr. composite, P.D.;

Music: Joachim Neander, 1680, P.D.; CCLI #678905

Offering: General Fund

* Song of Preparation: LUYH 660:1-3 ***“Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer”***

1. Jesus, draw me ever nearer
as I labor through the storm.
You have called me to this passage,
and I'll follow though I'm worn.

Refrain

*May this journey bring a blessing;
may I rise on wings of faith;
and at the end of my heart's testing
with your likeness let me wake.*

2. Jesus, guide me through the tempest;
keep my spirit staid and sure.
When the midnight meets the morning,
let me love you even more.

Refrain

3. Let the treasures of the trial
form within me as I go,
and at the end of this long passage
let me leave them at your throne.

Refrain

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“Great is the Lord, our mighty God, and greatly to be praised;”

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 20:1-42 (pg. 283)

Read by Melba De Kok & Michelle De Kok

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“David and Jonathan”***

Time of Prayer

“His greatness is unsearchable, above all glory raised.”

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #772:1-4

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

Chorus:

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in ev’ry high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Chorus

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus

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* Benediction: John 14:27

* Parting Praise: LYUH #859:1-4 ***“Be Thou My Vision”***

All Sing

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art-
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Men Sing

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Women Sing

3. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high king of heaven, my treasure thou art.

All Sing

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish hymn, 8th c; tr. Mary E. Byrne; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, Music: Irish melody; arr. Jack Schrader;
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*Postlude

Welcome to our services of worship and praise! We pray that all will find strength, security, and fellowship with God and with one another. After the morning service, all are invited to the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

OUR CHURCH EVENTS

Faith Storytelling: Beginning sometime this summer, the elders would like to add a small element to our morning service entitled "**Three Minutes of Grace.**" Essentially this will be a time in which a congregational member reads aloud a favorite Bible passage and then also briefly shares why these verses are so meaningful to them. The first few "**Three Minutes of Grace**" will be led by an elder, but the hope is that in the future many other congregational members might be willing to share as well. The main purpose of this element is to help all of us who are gathered for worship - from the 5-year-old to the 98-year-old - to realize in a deeper way that we are all redeemed sinners, loved by Jesus, shaped by grace, and standing together at the cross with open arms.

Sermon Topics: Throughout the summer months we will be studying the early life of David – Israel's great poet, prophet and king. Three thousand years after he lived, his passion and faith still continue to inspire. Not only is David "*a man after God's own heart,*" but more importantly he points us to Jesus "*who was descended from David according to the flesh*" (Rom. 1:3). The following is a tentative schedule of our study and as always I encourage you to read the text ahead of time in preparation for the message on that day. May God continue to cultivate our own heart as we study this particular giant of our faith!

In Christ,

Pastor John Knoester

June 11: "*Samuel Anoints David*" (I Samuel 16:1-13)
June 18: "*David in Saul's Service*" (I Samuel 16:14-23)
June 25: "*David and Goliath*" Part 1 (I Samuel 17:1-30)
July 9: "*David and Goliath*" Part 2 (I Samuel 17:31-50)
July 16: "*Jonathan's Covenant with David*" (I Samuel 18:1-4)
July 23: "*The Jealousy of Saul*" (I Samuel 18:5-30)
July 30: "*Saul Tries to Kill David*" (I Samuel 19)
Aug. 20: "*David and Jonathan*" (I Samuel 20)
Aug. 27: "*Fearful Flight to Nob and Gath*" (I Samuel 21)
Sept. 3 – "*Murder of the Priests*" (I Samuel 22)
Sept. 10: "*Living By the Word*" (I Samuel 23)
Sept. 17: "*David Spares Saul's Life*" (I Samuel 24)

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington. We are studying the book of Revelation. You are welcome to join us.

The **Young at Heart** will meet for their monthly lunch at I-Hop at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 24.

A schedule is being put together for the **Worship Team** this week for the months of September – December. If you are interested in joining by playing the piano, singing or playing guitar, please give Sylvia a call (360-336-2405) by Thursday of this week.

Copies of the 2017 **Church Directory** are in your church mailboxes. More copies are available at the church office.

Childcare for Vida Nueva: The Vida Nueva Church that meets at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon needs help with childcare. Due to others moving on, one position is in desperate need of filling. When there is no childcare, our services turn chaotic. When it happens more than one Sunday in a row, I feel like quitting. The position that is open helps once every 6 weeks. I am deeply grateful for those who do volunteer. Call Joe at 360-540-7474.

FAMILY VISITING: The following is the family visiting schedule for **August—September 2017**. If your family is included in the list, please expect a call from the listed Elder to arrange the day and time for the visit. If you have questions about the schedule please call the listed Elder or call Henry Hammingh at 360-424-3019.

AUG-SEPT 2017 FAMILY VISITS	
Elder	Family
Dave V	Joe & Nellie Strong
Dave V	Bryan & Deanna Van Beek
Greg A	Agnes Bollema
Greg A	Brad DeKok
Greg B	Larry & Margaret Vander Pol
Greg B	Mary Koopmans
Henry H	John & Dena Klunder
Henry H	Betty Postma
Darrel L	Wayne & Rhea Doss
Darrel L	Spencer & Janelle Donaldson
Pastor John	Joe & Annette LeClair
Pastor John	Les & Joy Faber
Dennis D	Darrel & Sunee Lagerwey
Dennis D	Brian Doss

ADVANCED NOTICES

Transportation Care Team: There will be a meeting after the morning service in the council room on August 27 for those have signed up to provide transportation. Thank you!

The **Elders & Deacons** will meet on Monday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Worship Committee** will meet on Wednesday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Plan Ahead: The next **Ladies Night Out** will be held on Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Haggens Café in Mount Vernon. Hope to see you there!

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

The Prodigal Son: As we continue our study of Jesus' parables, we encounter what might be his most famous parable. Join Groundwork as we learn about forgiveness and grace and remember deep truths about God and his love for us by studying the parable of the Prodigal Son found in Luke 15. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Zap Your Life: Liz has more than he can handle when usually level-headed Lucille starts buying up videos, books and tickets to the latest Zap MacDoogle motivational speech. Is this all a scam? Can Liz save his friend by showing her God's Word? Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. At www.kidscorner.net, download two of our best free resources: the KC Sketch book and the KC Summer Fun Book.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENT

We all care about hungry people, but what can one person do? You can join in the Skagit **Crop Hunger Walk** on October 1 at 2:00 p.m. Help raise awareness and funds to end hunger one step at a time around the world and here in Skagit County. To join the walk, visit www.crophungerwalk.org.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	4:00 pm	Vida Nueva
	6:30 pm	Evening Service
WED	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study
THURS	12:30 pm	Young at Heart Lunch at I-Hops

NURSERY:

Today: Infants & Toddlers

Brooke Knoester, Josie Droog, Emma Droog

Next Week: Infants & Toddlers

Heather Van Hofwegen, Jase Hilsinger, Hannah Van Hofwegen

GREETERS:

Today:

Rover: Elly Cuperus

AM: Tim & Heather Van Hofwegen, Jack & Trudy Van Klaveren

Next Week:

Rovers: Elders Dennis De Kok and Greg Boon

AM: Hank & Sylvia Van Zanten, Greg & Beth Boon

USHERS

Today: Darin Kuipers, Tim Van Hofwegen, Larry Greidanus

Next Week: Henry Van Zanten, Jr, Tim Hibma, Kermit Houck

SOUND SYSTEM

Today: Tim Hibma

Next Week: Mardick Stevens

PROJECTION

Today AM: Tim Hibma

Next Week: Josh Hammingh

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Mike Hibma

Next Week: DJ Droog

CHILDREN & WORSHIP**Today:**

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Julie Speck, Juliana LeClair

Next Week:

Teacher: Juli Oostra

Assistants: Briana Vander Kooy, Kera Boon

LIBRARY:

Today: Elly Cuperus

Next Week: Melba De Kok

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Bryan & Deanna Van Beek, Hank & Sylvia Van Zanten, Randy & Peggy Burr

Next Week: Rich & Elly Cuperus, Dennis & Melba De Kok, Michelle De Kok

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Jill Haagsma, Betty Postma

Next Week: Marjean De Groot, Alice De Vries

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Next Week: Jayne Hammingh

Accompanist: Shirley Boonstra

OFFERING: August 27, 2017

AM: General Fund

AM Second Offering: The Benevolent Fund

PM: Youth Dynamics

6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Marjo Rouw

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Henry Kuipers

"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer " LUYH #43:2-3
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LUYH #521:1-2
"My God, How Wonderful You Are" LUYH #548: 3-4

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 30 Q&A 81-82

Q. 81 Who should come to the Lord's table?

A. Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life.

Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.¹

¹ [1 Cor. 10:19-22](#); [11:26-32](#)

Q. 82 Should those be admitted to the Lord's Supper who show by what they profess and how they live that they are unbelieving and ungodly?

A. No, that would dishonor God's covenant and bring down God's wrath upon the entire congregation.¹ Therefore, according to the instruction of Christ and his apostles, the Christian church is duty-bound to exclude such people, by the official use of the keys of the kingdom, until they reform their lives.

¹ [1 Cor. 11:17-32](#); [Ps. 50:14-16](#); [Isa. 1:11-17](#)

Scripture Readings: Various Texts

Message: **"Knowing Our ABC's"**

Time of Prayer

Offering: General Fund

Song of Application: LUYH #825:1-3 **"Beneath the Cross"**

* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #965 **"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"**



People to be remembered with prayers, cards, letters & words of encouragement. Call the church office at (336-2405) or e-mail: secretary@firstcrcmv.com by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

NEW CONCERN:

We express our Christian sympathy to **Larry & Maxine Greidanus** in the recent passing away of Maxine's older sister in Sunnyside, WA. May God comfort them in their time of sorrow.

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

Continue to pray for **Annette LeClair** as she continues with her chemo treatments. May God give Annette strength for each day.

Pray for those who have recently lost loved ones.

SHUT INS:

Nell Annema at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley, **Grace Faber** at home in Mount Vernon; **Mary Koopmans** at home in Mount Vernon; **Wilma Paul** at Mountain Glen Retirement Center in Mount Vernon. **Adrianna Swanson** at Creekside in Burlington; **Bev Van Slageren** at home in Clear Lake, **Duane Van Dyke** at Where the Heart Is in Burlington, **Chris Van Sweden** at Country Meadows in Sedro-Woolley, and **Rena Wester** at the Lynden Manor.

OTHER CONCERNS:

Pray for those *traveling* during the summer months. Pray for college students as they travel to the different colleges over the next few weeks.

Resonate Global Mission: Michigan - Praise God for the testimony of a graduate student at Western Michigan University. She made profession of faith and named her new daughter Faith because, she said, the most important thing that happened in her life as a result of being mentored and coached by her campus ministry leader was that she has been drawn back to God!

Race Relations: Transformation - Pray that the ministry of Race Relations is helpful for the church in preaching Christ and inviting people from every nation. Pray that we may mourn over sin, be courageously meek and break the cycle of hate, hunger and thirst for what is right and forsake the need to be right, lead the church with contagious mercy, and see Christ, that the world may see Christ in us.

Chaplaincy and Care Ministry: Prospective chaplains - We currently are interacting with more than 40 prospective chaplains—those thinking about or beginning training in chaplaincy. Pray that the input, fellowship, and encouragement of our office will help these men and women continue to prepare for and ultimately serve well in populations in crisis.

Resonate Global Mission: Uganda - A woman named Jane has been through several modules of Timothy Leadership Training and has seen the positive effects in her spiritual life and even in her business skills. Praise God! Pray that Jane will continue to share what she has learned with others in her community.

World Renew: Guatemala - Teachers like Sucely de Leon in El Tineco, Guatemala, work hard to convince parents about the value of education for their children. Please pray for World Renew as we work to partner with organizations in isolated communities like El Tineco to encourage education, agriculture, and preventative health.

Back to God Ministries International: Japan - Praise God for the ways he has touched the heart of Mr. Ishio in Kumamoto, the city hit hard by an earthquake in April 2016. Mr. Ishio heard Words of Hope, our special broadcasts to the area, and wrote, "I was baptized long ago but was away from the church. I recorded and listened to your program repeatedly. I came to faith again."

Disability Concerns: Ministry training event - Please pray for safe travels and an effective time of training for presenters and hundreds of pastors from East Africa attending a ministry seminar in Tanzania Aug. 14-18 sponsored by Resonate Global Mission. Disability Concerns director Mark Stephenson and his wife, Bev, will be teaching a workshop on “Disability and Ministry: Everybody Belongs. Everybody Serves.”