

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

July 30, 2017

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

*** Please stand if you are able.**

“Deliver me, O God my strength, from those who lie in wait,”

Prelude: Danielle Van Zanten

Welcome and Announcement

*** Call to Worship: Psalm 59:16-17**

*** Opening Hymn: LUYH #432:1,3,4,5 *“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”***

1. God is our refuge and our strength,
our ever-present aid,
and therefore, though the earth be moved,
we will not be afraid—
though hills into the seas be cast,
though foaming waters roar,
though all the mighty billows shake
the mountains on the shore.
3. The nations rage, the kingdoms move,
but when his voice is heard,
earth melts with trembling fear before
the thunder of his word.
The LORD of hosts is on our side, our safety to secure;
the God of Jacob is for us a refuge strong and sure.
4. O come and see what wondrous works
the hand of God has done;
come, see what desolation great
he brings beneath the sun.
In every corner of the earth he causes wars to cease;
the weapons of the strong destroyed,
he makes abiding peace.
5. “Be still and know that I am God,
the LORD whom all must claim;
and every nation of the earth shall magnify my name.”
The LORD of hosts is on our side, our safety to secure;
the God of Jacob is for us a refuge strong and sure.

PSALM 46; Words: Scottish Psalter, 1650, alt., P.D.; CCLI #678905

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

*** Opening Songs of Praise:**

Read Psalm 42:1-3, 5

"As the Deer" P.P. #246:1-3

1. As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

Chorus:

*You alone are my Strength, my Shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.*

2. You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.

Chorus

3. I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver, and the apple of my eye.

Chorus

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"My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone" LUYH #370:1-3

1. My soul finds rest in God alone,
my rock and my salvation;
a fortress strong against my foes,
and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness;
I'll look to him who hears me.

Refrain

*O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;
everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.*

2. Find rest, my soul, in God alone
amid the world's temptations;
when evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go,
don't set your heart upon them;
the fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven.

Refrain

3. I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in him completely;
with every day pour out my soul,
and he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
a sigh too brief to measure,
my King has crushed the curse of death,
and I am his forever.

Refrain

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*At the conclusion of this song, children ages 3-first grade
are dismissed to the Koinonia room for Children & Worship.*

“From enemies who prowl and plot, whose only law is hate.”

Call to Confession: Psalm 59:1-9

Sung Prayer of Confession and Lament: LUYH #622:1-3 ***“God, Be Merciful to Me”***

1. God, be merciful to me,
on your grace I rest my plea;
Wash me, make me pure within;
cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

Refrain

*God, be merciful to me,
on your grace I rest my plea.*

2. My transgressions I confess;
grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against your grace
and provoked you to your face.

Refrain

3. I am evil, born in sin;
you desire truth within.
Make me pure, your mercy show;
wash me whiter than the snow.

Refrain

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Words of Assurance

Song of Thanksgiving: LUYH #622:4 ***“God, Be Merciful to Me”***

4. Let my contrite heart rejoice
and in gladness hear your voice;
from my sins, O hide your face,
blot them out in boundless grace.

Refrain

*God, be merciful to me,
on your grace I rest my plea.*

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Offering: Denominational Ministry Shares

Offertory: Danielle Van Zanten

*Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #650:1-3 ***“O When Will We See Justice Done”***

1. O when will we see justice done?
When will the righteous win?
O speed the day when we can say,
“God judges human sin!”
The venom of the wicked’s lies
destroys all in their path.
Their fangs are bared; no one is spared,
and to our cries they’re deaf.

Refrain

*God, hear my cry! To you I call even when my heart is faint.
To your strong tower lead me in power, and keep me ever safe.*

2. Deliver me, O God my strength,
from those who lie in wait,
from enemies who prowl and plot,
whose only law is hate.
But you, O Lord, could come and save,
deflating their false pride,
and show the earth your righteous worth
as in your love we hide.

Refrain

3. O God, have you rejected us,
or do you only sleep?
Give victory with your mighty hand,
your promises to keep.
For you have caused our land to quake;
no step now seems secure.
We stagger in our suffering;
our faith seems less than sure.

Refrain

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“But you, O Lord, could come and save, deflating their false pride,”

Scripture Reading: Read by Beth Boon & Elly Cuperus
I Samuel 19 (pg. 282); Psalm 59:1-4, 16-17 (pg.566)

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“Saul Tries to Kill David”***

Time of Prayer

“And show the earth your righteous worth as in your love we hide.”

* Song of Application: ***“Cornerstone”*** vs. 1-3

1. My hope is built on nothing less,
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Repeat Verse 1

Chorus

*Christ alone cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.*

2. When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

3. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone.
Faultless stand before the throne.

Chorus (2x)

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* Benediction

* Parting Praise: LUYH #302:1-2 ***"Hear Our Praises"***

1. May our homes be filled with dancing,
may our streets be filled with joy.
May injustice bow to Jesus
as the people turn and pray.

Refrain

*From the mountain to the valley,
hear our praises rise to you.
From the heavens to the nations,
hear our singing fill the air.*

2. May your light shine in the darkness
as we walk before the cross.
May your glory fill the whole earth
as the water over the seas.

Refrain x2

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* Postlude

Welcome! "O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things" (Psalm 98:1, NRSV). We gather to sing to the Lord and celebrate his work in our lives. After joining us in worship, join us in the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you to those who took time to donate blood this past Monday and to those who worked at the blood drive. You helped save lives.

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)

Last Day: Pictures will be taken after the morning service in room 9 in the Education Wing. You are encouraged to update your picture.

Today you will have opportunity to sign up to bring a casserole or dessert for the **Friendship House** on Wednesday, August 9. Servers are also needed. There will be a table in the Fellowship Hall where you can sign up and pick up a recipe. Monetary donations are accepted also. Any questions? Give Glenda Kok a call.

The **Elders & Deacons** will meet on Monday, July 31 at 7:00 p.m.

A new **address directory** will be printed in a few weeks. If you have any information that needs to be changed (address, phone number, would like an e-mail address included, etc.) call Sylvia at 336-2405 or put the information on the sign-up sheets in the foyer and on the coffee table in the Fellowship Hall. Also, if you would like to be added to the **e-mail prayer chain** please provide us with your e-mail address. We encourage you to join the prayer e-mail.

Church Committees: A special 'thank you' to all those who have already volunteered their time and talents to serve on the various committees of our church. The committees for the 2017-2018 church have been formed and will be listed in the back of the new church directory which will be printed in a few weeks.

Transportation Care Team: We currently have several elderly members who aren't able to drive to church themselves, but would warmly welcome a ride to church if someone were willing to bring them. Thus, our hope is to create a 'team' of 4-8 individuals/couples who might be willing to provide transportation to these members on a regular basis. If we can get a team of at least 8 people - one's commitment to provide such transportation would only be once every two months. If you are interested in being a part of this 'transportation care team' - please sign up accordingly on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. If you have more questions about it please don't hesitate to talk to an elder. In addition, if you know of an individual or two who would like to receive help in getting to church please make an elder or the office aware of this. Thank you!

FAMILY VISITING: The following is the family visiting schedule for **May & July 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.

MAY-JULY 2017 FAMILY VISITS	
Elder	Family
Dave V	Henry & Pam Van Zanten
Dave V	Greg & Tish Ackermann
Greg A	Pastor John & Brooke Knoester
Greg A	Sue & Eliot Blom
Greg B	Terry & Joni Beezhold
Greg B	Steve & Teci Greydanus
Henry H	Wilma Paul
Henry H	Karen Staat
Darrel L	Clarence & Lona Vander Griend
Darrel L	Rich & Elly Cuperus
Pastor John	Mardy & Kristine Stevens
Pastor John	Randy & Peggy Burr
Dennis D	Adrianna Swanson
Dennis D	Marjo Rouw

ADVANCED NOTICES

Our **Church Potluck** will be held next Sunday, August 6, after the morning service. Please bring a 9x13 inch hot dish (enough to feed 12-15), and salad or dessert. Table service is provided as well as juice and coffee.

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, August 9 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 Committee for **Back to School Blessings** is getting together to put the backpacks together and could use your help. They will meet at Faith Community CRC on Wednesday, August 9 and Thursday, August 10 from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. to fill the backpacks. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you are willing to help.

Save the Date: Back to School Blessings will take place on Saturday, August 12 at Skagit Valley College. More details to follow. Contact Mardick Stevens for more information. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you are willing to help that morning.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Next week, August 6, you will have opportunity again to bring your donations of canned and non-perishable items for the food drive for **"Neighbors in Need"**. Please bring your donations in the morning or evening to the church and place them in the basket located in the foyer and the Fellowship Hall.

Parable of the Sower: Jesus told many parables throughout his ministry. These stories illustrated his point, taught valuable lessons, gave us insight into how God works and what's to come. Join us as we study Jesus' "Parable of the Sower" in Matthew 13 and Mark 4 to discover what Jesus reveals to us about God's kingdom. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Pat Answers: Chamy unveils her latest invention. Introducing the Positronic Affirmation Transmitter! Will it solve Chamy's latest problem? And how exactly does it mess up Liz's batting practice? 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.

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. It is a 3.4 mile walk starting and ending at the Mount Vernon Christian School at 700 Blackburn Street in Mount Vernon. 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 go to: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/mountvernonwa/>

The 4th **Annual Homeless for a Night Fundraiser** for Family Promise of Skagit Valley will be held on Saturday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m. through Sunday, September 24 at 7:00 a.m. It will be held at Salem Lutheran Church. If you are interested, please contact the church office. Informational flyers about Family Promise can be found on the walkway shelf.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENT

Host family needed for exchange student! Hope for Youth International is in search of a host family for this coming school year for Lieang, age 15, from China, in either BEHS or MVHS service areas – just found out family that was going to host can't now and he's coming in a month and needs a new host home! Hosting involves opening your heart and home to a young person, giving them a place to sleep (own room or shared room with an age appropriate student of the same gender) and feeding them and making them a part of your family while they are here. Students come with their own spending stipend and medical insurance. We provide great on the ground support and a fun enhancement activity program for our students who are here. Hosting can be a wonderful life changing experience - if you think you might be able to help call Tony at 206 407 8696 or email: tonybarnett1964@gmail.com.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN 6:30 pm Evening Service
MON 7:00 pm Elders & Deacons Meeting
TUES 7:00 pm Vida Nueva

NURSERY:

Today: Infants & Toddlers

Jeannette Folkertsma, Lexi Blom, DJ Droog

Next Week: Infants & Toddlers

Sue Blom, Devin Van Zanten, Carson Blom

GREETERS:

Today:

Rovers: Rich & Elly Cuperus

AM: Mardick & Jill Stevens, Minne & Trudy Van der Hoek

Next Week:

Rovers: Dennis & Melba De Kok

AM: Daniel & Briana Vander Kooy, Henry & Anjean Vander Veen

USHERS

Today: Henry Hammingh, Kermit Houck, Kendall Van Zanten

Next Week: Wiebe Van der Hoek, Tim Van Hofwegen, Larry Greidanus

SOUND SYSTEM

Today: Henry Van Zanten

Next Week: Kendall Van Zanten

PROJECTION

Today AM: Tim Hibma

Next Week: Josh Hammingh

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Mike Hibma

Next Week: Tim Hibma

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today:

Teacher: Michele Feddema

Assistant: Shanna Visser

Next Week:

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Elly Cuperus, Lexi Blom

LIBRARY:

Today: Joy Faber

Next Week: Jean Rasmussen

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Keith & Jean Rasmussen, Marinus & Jill Rouw, Larry & Margaret Vander Pol

Next Week: Church Potluck

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: None

Next Week: Jayne Hammingh & Brooke Knoester

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Next Week: Kevin Kok

Accompanist: Jill Klunder

OFFERING: August 6, 2017

AM: General Fund

PM: Youth Dynamics

6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Danielle Van Zanten

Welcome / Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Hank Van Zanten

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" LUYH #352:1,3,4

"Abide with Me" LUYH # 466:1,2,5

"How Vast the Benefits Divine" LUYH #688:1-3

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 29 Q&A 78-79 (80)

Q. 78 Are the bread and wine changed into the real body and blood of Christ?

A. No. Just as the water of baptism is not changed into Christ's blood and does not itself wash away sins but is simply God's sign and assurance,¹ so too the bread of the Lord's Supper is not changed into the actual body of Christ² even though it is called the body of Christ³ in keeping with the nature and language of sacraments.⁴

¹ [Eph. 5:26](#); [Tit. 3:5](#); ² [Matt. 26:26-29](#);

³ [1 Cor. 10:16-17](#); [11:26-28](#);

⁴ [Gen. 17:10-11](#); [Ex. 12:11, 13](#); [1 Cor. 10:1-4](#)

Q. 79 Why then does Christ call the bread his body and the cup his blood, or the new covenant in his blood?

A. **Christ has good reason for these words. He wants to teach us that as bread and wine nourish our temporal life, so too his crucified body and poured-out blood truly nourish our souls for eternal life.¹**

But more important, he wants to assure us, by this visible sign and pledge, that we, through the Holy Spirit's work, share in his true body and blood as surely as our mouths receive these holy signs in his remembrance,² and that all of his suffering and obedience are as definitely ours as if we personally had suffered and made satisfaction for our sins.³

¹ [John 6:51, 55](#); ² [1 Cor. 10:16-17; 11:26](#); ³ [Rom. 6:5-11](#)

Various Texts

Message: **"The Body and Blood of Christ"**

Time of Prayer

Offering: Denominational Ministry Shares

Song of Application: LUYH #363:1-3 **"Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine"**

* 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@firstcrmv.com by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

Continue to pray for **Annette LeClair** and **Betty Postma** as they both continue with their chemo treatments. May God give them strength for each day.

Helena Kuiper has returned to her home at Creekside in Burlington. May God continue to give healing.

SHUT INS:

Nell Annema at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley, **Grace Faber** at home in Mount Vernon; **Helena Kuiper** at Creekside in Burlington; **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.

PRAISES: Congratulations to **Larry & Maxine Greidanus**, who will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on July 31 and to **Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp**, who will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on August 6. May God bless them with many more years together.

Remember our **missionaries** in your prayers: Marcia Bleeker in Chad Africa, Joe Strong in Skagit and Whatcom County, Kris & Becky Johnson in Albuquerque, New Mexico, John & Trista Vander Wal in Papua New Guinea, and Najji Umran & Anne Zaki in Egypt.

Resonate Global Mission: Lacombe, Alta. - The Good Neighbor Coffee House is a unique “third space” emphasizing the personal relationship we have in partnership with farmers while custom roasting their coffee beans. Pray that as we engage in community development through neighborhoods, we may effectively live out the command to love our neighbor.

Inspire 2017: Preparations - Inspire 2017, a conference to connect people from churches across North America, is bringing people together next week for three days of worship, workshops, and conversation in Detroit, Mich. Pray for final preparations and safe travels, asking God’s Spirit to move in hearts to encourage, equip, and inspire church leaders of all kinds for their work in his kingdom.

GEMS Girls' Clubs: New theme - Pray that women and girls in GEMS Clubs across North America will engage a new theme of walking in HIS steps as they study 1 John 2:6 this fall. Pray also that women will step forward to serve as counselors, and that girls may continuously experience Christ’s unconditional, unending love through the women who mentor them.

Back to God Ministries International: West Africa - Pray for our French ministry team and volunteers who attended a retreat to explore new ideas for media ministry in French-speaking Africa. May God continue to give guidance and wisdom as we reach out to people who don’t know Jesus as Savior and Lord, and to people who want to grow in faith.

ServiceLink: Mission trips - Please pray for the many youth and their leaders on mission trips this summer in North America and abroad. May they reach out to people who are poor and marginalized and develop a deeper understanding of how they can be instruments of justice in a broken world.

Pastor Church Resources: Pastor Search - Our office has been working on a new pastor search process. The final product and process, announced on June 1, 2017, aims for better access and communication in the search and call process. We pray that churches and pastors are empowered to continue to seek God’s will for their lives and ministries.

World Renew: Bangladesh - Please pray for the participants of a peace-building program being implemented in rural and urban Bangladesh. This program looks at issues of domestic violence and works with People’s Institution leaders to promote awareness in their communities. Pray for effective transformation.