

God's Word Gives Our Lives Direction



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Worship Services
10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Church School: 9:30 AM
September—May

The background of the middle section is a grayscale photograph of a beach with waves. A large, dark gray diamond shape is centered over the image. Inside the diamond, the text "SUMMER IN THE PSALMS" is written in a serif font. "SUMMER" is on the top line, "IN THE" is on the second line in a smaller font, and "PSALMS" is on the third line. Horizontal lines extend from the left and right sides of "IN THE".

SUMMER
— IN THE —
PSALMS

Psalm 119

July 19, 2020

The Loop System is provided for those using hearing devices by using the telephone mode on your device. This is available beginning in row 5 on either side of the sanctuary.

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
Pastor John Knoester
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* Please stand in body or in spirit.

"How shall the young direct their way?"

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

* Call to Worship:

LEADER "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." What did God do to help us?

PEOPLE **God chose the people of Israel to make a new beginning. They received God's covenant and prepared the way for Jesus to come as our Savior.**

LEADER Let us worship the God of the covenant,

PEOPLE **the God of heaven and earth.**

—based on Psalm 124:8

* Sung Call to Worship: LUYH #720:1-4

"How Shall the Young Direct Their Way"

1. How shall the young direct their way?
What light shall be their perfect guide?
Your word, O Lord, will safely lead
if in its wisdom they confide.
2. Sincerely I have sought you, Lord;
O let me not from you depart;
to know your will and keep from sin,
your word I cherish in my heart.
3. O blessed Lord, teach me your law,
your righteous judgments I declare;
your testimonies make me glad,
for they are wealth beyond compare.

4. Upon your precepts and your ways
my heart will meditate with awe;
your word shall be my chief delight,
and I will not forget your law.

Words: Psalm 119:9-16; Psalter, 1912, P.D.

* God's Greeting

"What light shall be their perfect guide?"

Ordination and Installation of New Elders and Deacons (8:45 AM)

God's Will for our Lives: LUYH #722 *"The Ten Commandments"*

LEADER: You shall have no other gods before me.

PEOPLE: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever!

LEADER: You shall not make for yourself an idol.

PEOPLE: In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

LEADER: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

PEOPLE: Let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name.

LEADER: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

PEOPLE: Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

LEADER: Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

PEOPLE: Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

LEADER: You shall not murder.

PEOPLE: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

LEADER: You shall not commit adultery.

PEOPLE: You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

LEADER: You shall not steal.

PEOPLE: Those who have been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their hands, so that they may have something to share with those in need.

LEADER: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

PEOPLE: Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

LEADER: You shall not covet your neighbor's house or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

PEOPLE: I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

For alternate versions of the Ten Commandments see 715, 718 Text: Responsive Reading of the Law from the Epistles, Psalter Hymnal 1987; Deuteronomy 5:6-21, Exodus 20:1-17

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #762:1-2 "*Ancient Words*"

1. Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart,
O let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope,
give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam
ancient words will guide us home.

Refrain

*Ancient words, ever true,
changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.*

2. Holy words of our faith
handed down to this age
came to us through sacrifice.
O heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart.
O let the ancient words impart.

Refrain (2x)

*Ancient words, ever true,
changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.*

Words: Lynn DeShazo © 2001 Integrity's Hosanna! Music, (ASCAP), admin.
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"Your word, O Lord, will safely lead"

* Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:1-5, 9-12, 33-35, 105, 129-135

* Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"Love for the Law of God"***

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #727:1-3

"Christian Hearts in Love United"

1. Christian hearts in love united:
search to know God's holy will.
Let his love, in us ignited,
more and more our spirits fill.
Christ the head, and we his members—
we reflect the light he is.
Christ the master, we disciples—
he is ours, and we are his.
2. Grant, Lord, that with your direction,
"Love each other" we comply.
Help us live in true affection,
your love to exemplify.

Let our mutual love be glowing
brightly so that all may view
that we, as on one stem growing,
living branches are in you.

3. Come, then, living church of Jesus,
covenant with him anew.
Unto him who conquered for us
may we pledge our service true.
May our lives reflect the brightness
of God's love in Jesus shown.
To the world we then bear witness:
we belong to God alone.

*Words: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1723, tr. composite, P.D.; Music: Moravian Chorale
Book manuscript, Herrnhut, 1735, P.D.*

"If in its wisdom they confide."

We Celebrate Communion Together

Prayer of Gratitude

* We Profess our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 91 and 115

LEADER Q. What are good works?

PEOPLE **A. Only those which are done out of true faith,¹ conform to God's law,² and are done for God's glory;³ and not those based on our own opinion or human tradition.⁴**

LEADER Q. Since no one in this life can obey the Ten Commandments perfectly, why does God want them preached so pointedly?

PEOPLE **A. First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness.¹ Second, so that we may never stop striving, and never stop praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, to be renewed more and more after God's image, until after this life we reach our goal: perfection.²**

* Parting Blessing

* Parting Praise: “Thy Word” (2x)

Chorus

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.*

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and a light unto my path.*

1. When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way,
Still You’re right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Chorus

2. I will not forget Your love for me,
and yet My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,
And I will love You to the end.

Chorus

*“Thy Word” Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith ©1983 Bug and Bear Music/
Meadowgreen Music CCLI#678905*

* Postlude

Welcome! We cordially welcome all who worship with us today. With joyful hearts let us approach God and share kindness toward one another.

Summer in the Psalms – The book of Psalms is often referred to as the hymnal of God’s people. The psalms express the emotion of God’s people as they praise, lament, or express their gratitude to Him accordingly. Many of us have grown up not only singing the Psalms, but also praying them.

The following is a list of some of the favorite Psalms of various members of our own church family. Throughout the summer months we’re going to spend some time reflecting and meditating on these beloved hymns of faith. As we embark on this journey together my prayer is that God will use the Psalms to illuminate His greatness,

affirm His faithfulness to us in troubled times, and remind us of the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

In His Grace,
- Pastor John Knoester

June 21 – Psalm 121	Aug. 9 – Psalm 27
June 28 – Psalm 1	Aug. 16 – Psalm 42
July 5 - Psalm 91	Aug. 23 – Psalm 62
July 12 - Psalm 8	Aug. 30 – Psalm 150
July 19 – Psalm 119	Sept. 6 – Psalm 46
July 26 – Psalm 14	Sept. 13 – Psalm 23
Aug. 2 – Psalm 51	

2020-2021 Church Committees - At its Monday, July 13 meeting the Executive Committee approved a motion to 'roll over' our current church committees as much as possible for one more year. One of the main grounds for this decision is that in light of the current pandemic we would like to keep as much continuity on the current committees as possible rather than have to meet and update/train any new committee members for the unique year ahead of us. If there are any church members who would like to 'join' a current committee or be removed from one that they are currently on, please contact the church office no later than **August 1, 2020**.

Church Directory – It is time to update our annual directory! Please email all changes to Angela at secretary@firstcrmv.com by August 1. Because of our unique circumstances, no photos will be taken at church. If you would like your photo updated, please email one.

	Today	Next Week
Sound:	Tim Hibma	Tim Hibma
Video:	Brandon Speck	Carson Blom
Projection:	Devin Van Zanten	Kendall Van Zanten
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund



How can we **PRAY** for you?

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.

PRAISE:

July Milestone Anniversaries –

Clarence & Lona Vander Griend celebrating 68 years on July 22.

Dick & Linda Gudmunson celebrating 40 years on July 24.

Larry & Margaret Vander Pol celebrating 51 years on July 25.

Les & Joy Faber celebrating 64 years on July 27.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Continue to pray for **Ryanne Vander Pol** as she continues with her IV therapy and some radiation treatments.

SHUT INS:

Nell Annema at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley; **Mary Koopmans** at Where the Heart Is in Burlington; **Case Lanting** at Olympic Place in Arlington, WA; **Wilma Paul** at Life Care Center in Sedro-Woolley; **Sally Reehoorn** at Creekside in Burlington; **Adrianna Swanson** at Homeplace in Burlington; **Bev Van Slageren** at family in Grandview, WA; **Lona Vander Griend** at Home Place in Burlington.

OTHER REQUESTS: (CRC Communications)

July 19, 2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: West Africa) A believer in West Africa asks for prayer for the strengthening of faith for all believers in the region, especially those who live alone and in places where ethnic tensions and violence abound. Pray that they may grow in relationship with the Holy Spirit and that God will provide comfort, encouragement, wisdom, and protection.

July 18, 2020 - (The King's University: Changes) Pray for wisdom and guidance for The King's University as it navigates various challenges associated with offering a new hybrid in-person/online model this year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ask God to bless the work of our professors, staff, and students this term, and pray that his will may be done in every action the university undertakes.

July 17, 2020 - (World Renew: Navajo Nation) The Navajo Nation has more cases of COVID-19 per capita than any state in the U.S. Over a third of the population lacks access to clean running water, among other necessities. World Renew Disaster Response Services is working to provide life-sustaining supplies to people who need them most. Please pray for this community.

July 16, 2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: Campus ministry) Pray for our partner campus ministries as they make plans for the fall semester. The COVID-19 pandemic will affect students, faculty, and staff on university campuses throughout Canada and the United States. Ask God for wisdom and guidance on how to continue ministry.

July 15, 2020 - (Chaplaincy and Care Ministry: Seafarer ministry) Our Seafarer chaplains minister to the crews of merchant ships and cruise vessels. Often these crew members are from distressed areas of the world, live in cramped quarters, and work long hours. A kind word, making a phone call, or finding medical care can create an opportunity for discussion about God's love and grace. Pray for the gospel-filled connections that these chaplains make each day.

July 14, 2020 - (Back to God Ministries International: Groundwork) Pray for Mike, who listens to our Groundwork program and shared that he is suffering from drug addiction and anxiety. "I've tried detox and many treatment centers, but they have not worked for me," Mike shared. Pray for healing and comfort for Mike.

July 13, 2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: California) Nick In't Hout serves as a mission network developer in California. Pray for him as he ministers with and connects ministry leaders throughout his neighborhood. Ask the Holy Spirit to build unity in his community.