

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 overlaid on the center of 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, and "PSALMS" is on the third line. Horizontal lines are placed above and below "IN THE".

SUMMER
— IN THE —
PSALMS

Psalm 14

July 26, 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!

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* Please stand in body or in spirit.

“For all have sinned and fallen short.”

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

* Call to Worship:

LEADER: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

PEOPLE: **We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!**

LEADER: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.

PEOPLE: **For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

—based on Psalm 108:1-4

* Sung Call to Worship: LUYH #348:1-3 *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

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Morning by morning new mercies I see;

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* God's Greeting

"God's plan not one obeyed."

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

God's Law:

LEADER: What is the great and first commandment?

PEOPLE: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

LEADER: What is the second commandment like it?

PEOPLE: Love your neighbor as yourself.

LEADER: What does this mean?

PEOPLE: Love is the fulfilling of the law.

LEADER: To what does this call us?

PEOPLE: To a life of faith working through love.

—based on Matthew 22:37-40

* Hymn of Thanksgiving: LUYH #675:1-3

“By Grace We Have Been Saved”

1. By grace we have been saved through faith
and not by keeping law.
God’s saints believed by what they heard
and not by what they saw. (*Ephesians 2:8*)

Refrain

*Oh, how I love Jesus! Oh, how I love Jesus!
Oh, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me.*

2. For all have sinned and fallen short.
God’s plan not one obeyed.
Christ has for all fulfilled the law.
Believe, confess, be saved. (*Romans 3:23*)

Refrain

3. God gave to earth a perfect love
through Jesus on the cross.
While we were foes, Christ died for us.
We gained by God’s own loss. (*Romans 5:8*)

Refrain

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“Christ has for all fulfilled the law.”

Scripture Reading: Psalm 14

Prayer of Illumination

Message: *“Salvation for the Fool”*

Time of Prayer

Ministry of Music: *“God’s Own Fool” – Michael Card*

“Believe, confess, be saved.”

We Celebrate Communion Together

* We Profess our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 8, 14,15, and 18

LEADER: Q. But are we so corrupt
that we are totally unable to do any good
and inclined toward all evil?

PEOPLE: **A. Yes,¹ unless we are born again
by the Spirit of God.²**

LEADER: Q. Can another creature—any at all—
pay this debt for us?

PEOPLE: **A. No. To begin with, God will not punish any other
creature for what a human is guilty of.¹ Furthermore,
no mere creature can bear the weight of God’s
eternal wrath against sin and deliver others from it.²**

LEADER: Q. What kind of mediator and deliverer
should we look for then?

PEOPLE: **A. One who is a true¹ and righteous² human, yet
more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is
also true God.³**

LEADER: Q. Then who is this mediator— true God and at the
same time a true and righteous human?

PEOPLE: **A. Our Lord Jesus Christ,¹ who was given to us
to completely deliver us and make us right with God.²**

* Parting Blessing

* Parting Praise: BH #388:1-4 *“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”*

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood,
from Thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure:
save from guilt and make me pure.

2. Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no languor know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress;
helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I rise to worlds unknown,
see Thee on thy judgment-throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee.

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* Postlude

Welcome! This morning, we will commemorate Jesus' death and resurrection as we celebrate the Lord's Supper. By faith, Jesus' death fully covers all our sin and by His resurrection power He gives us everlasting life. May Christ's Spirit strengthen us in faith, hope, and love as we draw near to Christ Jesus through His Spirit. *The Lord's Supper is a table of grace. All those who have received the grace of Christ and confess Him as Lord and Savior of their life are warmly invited to participate. Yet, know too that there is also 'grace' from this community of faith for those who do not yet confess Christ as Lord. And if that's the case then we encourage you not to partake until you have the genuine desire to receive God's grace and are ready to proclaim Christ as your Lord.*

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@firstccrmv.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:	Carson Blom	Brandon Speck
Projection:	Kendall Van Zanten	Josh Hammingh
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

sermon notes:

Who is
Speaking?

Where in
the Bible?

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:

I learned:

Who is
the passage
talking about?

I didn't
understand:

What
happened?

Words
I don't know

my
favorite
song was:

here
you
draw
something:

Date:



PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

PRAISE:

July Milestone Anniversaries –

Les & Joy Faber celebrating 64 years on July 27.

August Milestone Anniversaries –

Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp celebrating 59 years on August 4

Henry & Anjean Vander Veen celebrating 70 years on August 14

August Milestone Birthdays –

Anjean Vander Veen will be 92 on August 14

Marcella De Vries will be 91 on August 30

NEW REQUESTS:

Please continue to pray for the ***Hammingh family***. The family graveside service for Jack is scheduled for this coming Friday (July 31). Pray for God's comfort over the entire family as they come together to celebrate Jack's life and also grieve. May the hope of Romans 8:38-39 both reside and echo in the hearts of all who gather:

Please be in prayer for our ***children and our teachers***. This upcoming school year promises to be a challenging one on multiple levels for both families and educators. Please pray for wisdom, guidance, discernment, and above all – full reliance on our Sovereign God.

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 26, 2020 - (World Renew: Zambia) In many places around the world, hospitals and health facilities are not equipped with the resources to treat and prevent the spread of COVID-19. World Renew is helping to fill this gap in countries like Zambia by equipping frontline healthcare workers with personal protective equipment and educating communities in prevention techniques. Please pray for these hospitals and their communities.

July 25, 2020 - (Back to God Ministries International: Japan) Pray for people in Japan like Suri, who face many external pressures against visiting a church in a land where less than 2 percent of the population profess faith in Christ. "On Sundays, after a long, stressful week, it's hard to find the motivation to go to church," Suri shared recently. "Work and day-to-day life make it hard."

July 24, 2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: British Columbia) Pray for people who are part of discipleship groups with Resonate missionaries Ray and Angie De Lange in British Columbia. More people have joined since the start of the coronavirus pandemic. "Our people are yearning for relational connection as well as spiritual comfort and guidance," said Angie.

July 23, 2020 - (Safe Church Ministry: Safety) Please join us in prayer for people who are vulnerable in our communities. We think of children who are living in abusive family situations right now, unable to escape their current situation. We think of partners who are living in abusive relationships that are not able to leave. Distancing within communities to flatten the curve can have major consequences for persons living in volatile situations.

July 22, 2020 - (Back to God Ministries International: Indonesia) Setia, a radio listener in Indonesia, asks for prayer as she and her family endure the effects of COVID-19. Pray for her physical health. Setia's high blood pressure and work situation make her especially vulnerable to contracting the virus.

July 21, 2020 - (World Renew: India) Many people in impoverished regions of countries such as India do not have ready access to clean water, soap, enough food, and advanced health care. As a result, they have a higher risk of catching and spreading the virus. As World Renew and its partners are hard at work to prevent and reduce the transmission of COVID-19, please ask for God's protection for the world's most vulnerable people.

July 20, 2020 - (Diaconal Ministries Canada: Stewardship) During these difficult times when congregations aren't gathering in their usual spaces and usual ways, please pray for your deacons as they strive to equip and encourage your congregation to love God and others and care for creation through the wise stewardship of all of God's gifts (1 Pet. 4:10).