

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
LORD
is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1

September 27, 2020

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Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

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* Please stand in body or in spirit.

“The Lord, my shepherd, rules my life”

Prelude

Welcome

* Sung Call to Worship: *“The Lord is My Shepherd”* 2x

The Lord is my shepherd; I'll walk with him always.

He leads me by still waters; I'll walk with him always.

Always, always, I'll walk with him always.

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The Lord is my shepherd; I'll walk with him always.

He leads me by still waters; I'll walk with him always

Words: Psalm 23:1-2, Music: folk melody; arranged by Charlotte Larsen, 1992,

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* Call to Worship: (Based on Psalm 80:1-7)

Leader: The Lord is glorious and exalted.

People: Lord, shine in our hearts and lives.

Leader: God's people are often in distress and sorrow.

People: Lord, show your might and deliver us from evil.

Leader: We sometimes do not feel the Lord's presence.

People: O Lord, let your face again shine on us.

Leader: The Lord was the shepherd of his people Israel.

People: Lord, lead us in our way and guide us in our walk.

* Opening Song of Praise: LUYH #64:1-3

"O Shepherd, Hear and Lead Your Flock"

1. O Shepherd, hear and lead your flock,
as lambs we crave your care;
what strength on earth approaches yours,
what mercies can compare?
Restore, O God, your favor,
the radiance of your face
to lighten and reveal the gift
of your redeeming grace.
2. Our selfish prayers deserve God's wrath,
our pride, a sudden burst;
we have but stones to serve as bread,
and tears to quell our thirst.
Restore, O God Almighty,
the radiance of your face
to lighten and reveal the gift
of your redeeming grace.
3. God's lineage, like a vine, once spread
and flourished in the land;
but now the vineyard fails, the fruit
lies withered in the sand.
Restore, LORD God Almighty,
the radiance of your face
to lighten and reveal the gift
of your redeeming grace.

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* God's Greeting

"And gives me all I need;"

Announcements

Call to Confession: (Based on Isaiah 30:15,18)

Sung Prayer of Confession: LUYH #6491-2 *"I Call to You, My Rock"*

1. I call to you, my Rock:
Lord, hear my earnest prayer—
if you ignore my plea,
how can I not despair?
As I reach out, make this the place
of fresh encounters with your grace,
of fresh encounters with your grace.
2. May I be spared the fate
of those who cling to sin,
whose friendly words belie
malicious thoughts within—
would ruin not be my reward
if I should disregard you, Lord,
if I should disregard you, Lord?

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Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: (Based on Isaiah 53:1-6)

Leader: Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

People: **He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.**

Leader: Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our diseases, yet we considered him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

People: **But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.**

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray, we have all turned
to our own way;

People: and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Song of Assurance: LUYH #649:3 *"I Call to You, My Rock"*

3. But you have heard my prayer;
in you I will be strong:
since I rely on you,
my heart is filled with song.
Yes, Lord, I sing to you, my Rock:
eternal Shepherd, guard your flock,
eternal Shepherd, guard your flock.

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"He leads me by refreshing streams;"

Introduction to our new sermon series

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings: Psalm 23:1 and John 10:22-30

* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #732:1,2,4

"The Lord, My Shepherd, Rules My Life"

1. The LORD, my shepherd, rules my life
and gives me all I need;
he leads me by refreshing streams;
in pastures green I feed.
2. The LORD revives my failing strength,
he makes my joy complete;
and in right paths, for his name's sake,
he guides my faltering feet.
4. While all my enemies look on,
you spread a royal feast;
you fill my cup, anoint my head,
and treat me as your guest.

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Message: *“Psalm 23 for 2020 – Sheep in Need of a Shepherd”*

Time of Prayer

Time of Reflection: *“The Lord’s my Shepherd”*

“In pastures green I feed.”

We Celebrate Communion Together:

Summary of the Scriptural Teaching: Based on I Cor. 11:23-26

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Affirm our Faith: (Based on Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 75, 80)

Leader: Our Lord commands all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in true faith and in the confident hope of his return to glory.

People: In this supper God declares to us that our sins have been completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself finished on the cross once for all.

Leader: He also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who with his very body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father, where he wants us to worship Him.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

(During the song an elder will be coming down the center aisle to serve those who have difficulty opening the individual sets)

Song of Response: LUYH #825:1-3 *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus,
I find a place to stand,
and wonder at such mercy
that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me
hold wounds which tell me, “Come.”
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
my unworthy soul is won.

2. Beneath the cross of Jesus,
his family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
the ones that you have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
see the children called by God.

3. Beneath the cross of Jesus,
the path before the crown,
we follow in his footsteps
where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
to be his perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
we will gladly live our lives.

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Invitation

Prayer of Gratitude

* Closing Hymn: LUYH #943:1-2 *"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"*

1. God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again;
'neath his wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

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* Parting Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #943:3-4 *“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”*

3. God be with you till we meet again;
when life’s perils thick confound you,
put his arms unfailing round you:
God be with you till we meet again.

4. God be with you till we meet again;
keep love’s banner floating over you,
smite death’s threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

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*Postlude

Welcome to everyone! We are so glad you chose to worship with us this Lord's Day. Today, we are having Holy Communion. Please reflect in reverence as we symbolize the body of Christ and His redemption for us. *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.*

The **deacons** would like to thank the congregation for their continued support of 1st CRC during these trying times. It has come to our attention that normally we collect money for the **benevolent fund** during a second offering on communion Sunday. This has not happened since March. To keep those funds replenished we will collect the undesignated money in the offering plates on communion Sunday to be used for this fund. You may also mail us a check and please mark, benevolent fund, on the memo line of the check.

	Today	Next Week
Sound:	Tim Hibma	Henry Hammingh
Video:	Brandon Speck	Carson Blom
Projection:	Devin Van Zanten	Josh Hammingh
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:

We give praise to God that **Elaine Hammingh's** surgery to fix the pin in her arm went well this week and she is on the mend. Continue to pray for her recovery.

We thank God **Rinie Rouw's** stent is clear and blood flow is good. We also praise God for daily improvements in how he is feeling.

We praise God that **Grace Feddema** returned home. Please pray that her leg continues to heal and that the transition to living back at home goes well.

Beverly Van Slageren will celebrate 91 years on September 30th

NEW REQUESTS:

Les Faber took a trip to the emergency room this past week. His lungs were filled with fluid, which affected his heart. He is now home. We give praise to God that Les is home and pray too that he continues to experience a full recovery in the weeks and months ahead.

We express our sympathies and condolences to **Hank and Anjean Vander Veen**. Hank's sister, Anna Groen passed away. Please keep the entire Vander Veen in your prayers as arrangements are made to celebrate Anna's life and homegoing.

Please pray that the **Classis PNW ZOOM Meetings** on Thursday. Pray the meeting itself goes well and for all our sister churches in the region as we strive to do ministry together in these unique times.

For our missionaries **Brett and Angela Nicholson** who spoke to us last week Sunday. Pray that they might be able to return to Uganda soon.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Adelaida Vega's cancer has become active again and one of the challenges the doctors are encountering is they don't know what it looked like when she first had it in the Philippines. Adelaida feels very positive about this new treatment, but also desires all of our prayers.

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; **Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp** and **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; **Andy Pippel, Adrianna Swanson**, and **Lona Vander Griend** at Home Place in Burlington; **Sally Reehoorn** at Creekside in Burlington; **Bev Van Slageren** at family in Grandview, WA.

OTHER REQUESTS: (CRC Communications)

September 27, 2020 - (Safe Church Ministry: Abuse Awareness) Today is Abuse Awareness Sunday. We are thankful for the dedicated volunteers who support our ministry, advocating for spaces of safe refuge for all. We give thanks for all of the speakers who have contributed to our 2020 webinar series in order to better connect, collaborate, and coordinate our efforts to end abuse.

September 26, 2020 - (Back to God Ministries International: Indonesia) Our Indonesian ministry team began helping to broadcast church services through YouTube during the coronavirus pandemic. Yulius, a believer in Indonesia, shared, "Praise God that the church can provide solutions in dealing with COVID-19!"

September 25, 2020 - (Pastor Church Resources: Wisdom and love) As COVID-19 lingers on, pastors face considerable stress in their efforts to take wise steps forward with their congregations. Often facing many points of view on a variety of topics, many pastors feel as if they're in a "no-win situation." Ask God to grant our pastors and congregations wisdom, strength, understanding, and patience.

September 24, 2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: West Africa) Resonate missionaries give praise for teachers and Christian school administrators in West Africa as they influence children and communities through Christ-centered education. Ask God to equip, encourage, and challenge them in their day-to-day callings as they reach children for Christ!

September 23, 2020 - (Chaplaincy and Care Ministry: Conference) Each year we host a conference for our 148 CRC chaplains from around the globe. This year we will host our first-ever virtual conference Sept. 24-26, focusing on the theme "Come to Me: Sufficient Grace, Perfect Power, and Humanity." Pray for chaplains as they collaborate, find spiritual renewal, hone skills, and implement best practices to continue

to minister in “moments that matter” during this critical time in our world.

September 22, 2020 - (World Renew: Guatemala) Economic repercussions and food insecurities triggered by the spread of COVID-19 in Guatemala are deeply concerning. Please pray for this nation’s vulnerable communities as they ride out this storm. Pray also for World Renew staff as they plan to relocate their office to the capital, Guatemala City, a more strategic place from which to serve.

September 21, 2020 - (Back to God Ministries International: Japan) Our Japanese ministry team recently made the tough decision to cancel their December gathering for listeners. Pray as they consider new ideas to gather believers online in community. Pray also that these believers will find hope and encouragement in the radio and devotional programs they follow.

sermon notes:

Who is
speaking?

Where in
the Bible?

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:

Who is
the passage
talking about?

What
happened?

my
favorite
song was:

here
you
draw
something:

Date:

I learned:

I didn't
understand:

Words
I don't know