

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
June 7, 2026, 10:30 am Service
Pastor Michael Kooy

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

"Here in this place the new light is streaming,"

Prelude

Welcome

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #581 v. 1-3
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ, our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933), P.D.; Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827, 1824, adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867, alt. P.D.CCLI #678905

* Opening Prayer

* Call to Worship:

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home
on earth.

People: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

**People: He journeys with the rejected
and welcomes the weary.**

Leader: Come now, all who thirst,

People: and drink the water of life.

Leader: Come now, all who hunger,

People: and be filled with good things.

Leader: Come now, all who seek,

People: and be warmed by the fire of love

* Song of Praise: LUYH #529 v. 1-4 *"Gather Us In"*

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

"Now is the darkness vanished away;"

Welcome/Announcements

Installation of New Elders and Deacons – PH pg. 1004-1006

- Greg Boon (Elder), Kevin Kok (Elder), Rich Knight, Bryan Van Beek

Song of Thanksgiving: LUYH #309 v. 1-5 *"The Servant Song"*

1. Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey;
we are travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.
5. Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

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Offering: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Benevolence

Offertory

*(Following the conclusion of the offering children ages 3-3rd grade
are dismissed for Children and Worship)*

* Song of Preparation: "Christ Our Wisdom" (Getty) v. 1-4

1. Christ our wisdom we are humbled
When You hide Your ways from us
You have purposes unnumbered
Each one good and glorious
Help us trust when we grow weary
Free us from our anxious thoughts
Give us grace to see more clearly
You are God and we are not
2. Christ our wisdom be our gladness
When we fail to understand
You ordain all joy and sadness
To fulfill Your perfect plan
Help us know Your rule with power
Over every raging flood
In our most uncertain hour
You are God and we are loved

3. Christ our wisdom we will follow
Though the way ahead is veiled
As we journey through the shadows
Grant us faith where sight has failed
Help us cling to Your commandments
Strengthened by Your faithful Word
We will never be abandoned
You are God and we are Yours
4. Christ our wisdom we adore You
For the beauty of the cross
Once in foolishness we scorned You
But Your blood has ransomed us
Help us sing the endless mercies
Of Your humble heart to save
Christ our wisdom Christ our glory
You are God forever praised

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"See in this space our fears and our dreamings"

Scripture Readings: Psalm 118:1-4, 15-29, Philippians 4:4-9

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"Fruit of the Spirit: Joy"***

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #604 v. 1-3 *"To God Be the Glory"*

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he has done.*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

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*(During the singing of this hymn the children will be returning from Children
and Worship and the elders are invited forward to serve communion)*

"Brought here to you in the light of this day."

* We Celebrate Communion Together

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

(Based on Luke 13:29, 24:30-31)

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
People will come from east and west, from north and south,
and sit at the kingdom of God.
When our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples,
he took the bread, and blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened
and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table.
Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast
that he has prepared.

Summary of Scriptural Teaching:

God meets us in the sacraments,
holy acts in which his deeds elicit our response.
In the supper our Lord offers the bread and cup to believers
to guarantee our share in his death and resurrection,
and to 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.

—from *Our World Belongs to God*, st. 40

Preparing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Invitation

Distribution:

◆ LUYH #533 v. 1-6 *"I Come with Joy"*

1. I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.
4. The Spirit of the risen Christ;
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.
5. A cloud of loving witnesses
surrounds us while we sing
as all the saints, forgiven, loved,
immortal praises bring.

6. Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

*"I Come with Joy to Meet the Lord"; Words: Brian Wren, 1970,
rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company; Music: (Land of Rest);
harm. Annabell Morris Buchanan CCLI# 678905*

◆ *"How Deep the Father's Love for us" v. 1-3*

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the Man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.
3. I will not boast in anything:
no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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◆ LUYH #833 *"There is a Redeemer" v. 1-3*

1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus:

*Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

Chorus

3. When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

Chorus

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Sharing of the Bread:

Take, eat, remember and believe that the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness
of all our sins.

Take, drink, remember and believe the precious blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness
of all our sins.

Response of Praise and Prayer

* God's Blessing

* Parting Song of Praise: LUYH #302 v. 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 to the House of the Lord! We have come to bring our worship to our God. May we do so in our singing, praying, giving, preaching and listening. May God be glorified. 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.

Tech Team	Today: June 7	Next Week: June 14
Sound:	Tim H.	Tim H.
Projection:	Beth B.	Beth B.
Video:	Isaac D.	Brandon S.
Offering:	1st: General Fund; 2nd: Benevolence	General Fund

First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

June 7, 2026

The Deadline for Announcements this next week is Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

This morning we welcome Pastor Michael Kooy, who will be preaching for us in the months of June and July while Pastor Knoester is on sabbatical. We are also celebrating the holy sacrament of Communion this morning.

“Pray Us on Our Way Sendoff”! The Youth Group leaves on their mission trip on Saturday, June 20 at 8:30am from our parking lot. We would love to have a group of people there at 8:00am to give them a cheerful, prayerful sendoff! We know it's early – pajamas optional!

The Men's Breakfast Bible Study group has decided to take a break for the summer. Thank you to all who participated this past year for the fellowship that we enjoyed!

Attention all First CRC Regular Attenders! Church Committees Update: Sometime in the month of July the Executive Committee will be meeting to update/approve our current church committee lists. When it comes to the various committees for our church family we do our best to recruit, but often it's more expedient simply to assign. Here's how you can help us in advance: If there is a specific church committee that you would like to serve on - please let Beth know no later than Sunday, June 28. In addition, if you would like to be removed from a current committee that you are serving on please let her know that as well. If we don't hear from you - we don't know. When it comes to committee assignments we promise to do our best to match one's gifts accordingly. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve!

John and Dena Klunder wish to sincerely thank the congregation for their prayers, cards and visits while Dena has been hospitalized and now at Josphine having rehabilitation. They are so thankful for all the love outpoured from you! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

There are quite a lot of slots open for volunteers to pick up and bring **Joy Faber** home from church each Sunday this summer. Please sign up to share this blessing for Joy.

Worship Service YouTube Links:

PM, May 31 Service: <https://youtube.com/live/SkQSZwnwbTA?feature=share>

First CRC's Worship Services are now being livestreamed! Go to our YouTube Channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/@1stcrcmv841> You will see the option for the worship service Livestream there.

Congratulations to our 2026 Graduates from College, High School and Middle School!

Our Graduates:

College: Devin Van Zanten, Dordt University

High School: Justus Visser, Owen VanderKooy,
Landon Blanken, Adriana Speck, Henry Faber

Eighth Grade: Nolan Blanken, Emily Van Hofwegen, Ella Van
Hofwegen, Riley VanderVeen

CALENDAR:

Greeters/Coffee Hosts: Today, 7: Simon LC, Kevin & Glenda K.
Next Week, June 14: Wiebe & Johnna VDH, Dave & Nancy V.

Worship Team: Today: 7: Henry & Pam VZ, Emma S.
Next Week, June 14: Greg B., Julie S., Adriana & Tessa S.

Nursery: Today: 7: Catherine & Noal VDK
Next Week, June 14: Pam VZ & Reece VDV

Children in Worship: Today: 7: Heather VH, Lexi VDP
Next Week, June 14: Heidi B., Leia V/

Volunteers to Pick up and Drive Home Joy Faber:

Today, May 7: Judy V.
Next week, June 14: Mardick S.

Family Visiting June 14:

5:45 pm: Rynne VDP, Terry & Mandi D., Bob DG
7:00 pm: Karen S., Henry & Jayne H., Kermit & Julie H.
8:15 pm: Wayne & Rhea D., Micah & Jennie VDV, Marjo R.

TODAY:

Sunday, May 31:

10:30am Worship Service
Installation of New Elders and Deacons/Lord's Supper
No Youth Group

THIS WEEK:

June 9: Pastor John and family leave on sabbatical

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sat., June 20, 8:00am: Youth Group "Pray Us on Our Way" Sendoff

Sun., July 5: Church Potluck

Fri. & Sat., July 10-11: Ragnar Race using our parking lot

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT:

Cascade Family Bible Camp – July 9-13 at Warm Beach Camp, Stanwood, WA Enjoy a faith-filled getaway with fellowship, worship, and fun activities for all ages! Hear inspiring speakers, engage in dynamic kids' programs, and take part in swimming, mini golf, sports, rock climbing, zipline, laser tag and more. Register today: <https://cascadefamilybiblecamp.org>

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Doing More for Ministry Part 1 - "I wish I could do more!" That's a common sentiment we hear from supporters of CRC Ministries who are passionate about the work of ministries like Thrive, Reframe, and Resonate. One way you can do more for ministry is including a gift to CRCNA in your will or trust. Learn more at crcna.org/heritagefund or call Josh Remer, CRCNA Planned Giving Advisor, at 616-223-5885.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - This time of year is often filled with graduation celebrations and school transitions. Take time this week to pray for a specific young person in your congregation as they transition to a new school environment or workplace in the coming months. Consider reaching out to that young person to let them know you are praying for them in this season. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions: Philip: Answering Questions - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Philip: Answering Questions" at www.kidscorner.net. Join Philip on an exciting adventure as he listens to God, meets an important traveler, and shares the amazing news about Jesus! Discover that even when life feels uncertain, God is always with us and can use us to help others in wonderful ways. Check out the KC Summertime Collection with lots of puzzles, games, and fun activities. Good for road trips or quiet time at home.

Groundwork: Hannah's Prayer and God's Big Answer - Sometimes the deepest prayers are the ones nobody hears but God. Join Groundwork as we begin a study on the book of 1 Samuel by examining 1 Samuel 1:1-2:10. Together, we'll see how Hannah's sorrow and private prayer becomes part of God's public plan for his people. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Wisdom in the Age of AI Conference - How should Christians respond to Artificial Intelligence (AI) in church, education, business, healthcare, and the arts? The Wisdom in the Age of AI Conference will be held at Calvin University October 8-10 and features top keynote speakers and parallel sessions dealing with each of these topics. For more information and to register to join the conversation, visit: <https://calvin.edu/wisdomAI>



People to be remembered with prayers, cards, letters & words of encouragement. Email the office at secretary@firstcrcmv.com or call the church office at (336-2405) by 9:00 am Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

NEW REQUEST:

Please keep **Sherrie and Phil Van Voorst** in your prayers as Sherrie undergoes rotator cuff surgery Friday morning. Pray that God will guide the surgeon's hands and for the outcome to be a success.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please continue to pray for **Pastor Brad Diekema and his family**, as his father has been diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Pastor Brad is hoping to visit his family soon for a few days.

We praise God that **Randy Burr's** stent procedure went very well! Lord willing, the valve replacement surgery will take place in late June. Randy and Peggy give thanks to God for His guiding care. Please continue to keep the entire Burr family in your prayers throughout the weeks ahead.

Please continue to pray for **Dena Klunder**, who is now at Josephine in Stanwood (Room #512) for rehabilitation. Please pray that God will bestow grace, strength and courage for Dena and the family.

SHUT INS: Nell Annema and Shirley Boonstra at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley; Marjean DeGroot at Mountain Glen in Mount Vernon; Martha Haarsma at home in Mount Vernon, Clarence Vander

Griend at Home Place in Burlington; Sally Reehorn at Creekside in Burlington.

OTHER REQUESTS: (CRC Communications)

Monday June 1 - Church Renewal: Resources

Church planting takes resources of many kinds. Ask God to provide all that is needed for the work he is calling the Christian Reformed Church in North America to do. Pray also that we may trust his faithful provision.

Tuesday June 2 - ReFrame Ministries: Tokyo

A listener from Ibaraki Prefecture has shared about a heavy burden of regret and a deep longing for a fresh start in life. Pray that as this persons engages with our Bible readings, they may experience the transformative power of God's grace and find peace in the promise that his mercies are new every morning.

Wednesday June 3 - Calvin Theological Seminary: Summer

Pray for students as they begin summer routines—placements for graduates, summer ministry sites, work, travel. Pray for God's hand in forming students through their summer activities.

Thursday June 4 - Resonate Global Mission: Migrants

"Pray for migrants around the world and for the thousands who travel through our region each day," asks Steve Holtrop, regional mission leader for Latin America. Through migration, God often opens doors to spread the gospel in powerful ways. May our churches and global ministries extend Christ's love through hospitality, compassion, and welcome to migrants everywhere.

Friday June 5 - World Renew: World Environment Day

On this day we thank God for the beauty and abundance of creation. Pray for communities facing floods, drought, wildfires, and extreme storms, especially those already living in poverty. Ask God to strengthen local churches and partners as they help families recover, protect livelihoods, and care for land and water resources.

Saturday June 6 - Thrive: Seafarer ministry

Our seafarer chaplain serves in coastal areas, ministering 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. Pray that connections made may bear fruit, as a kind word,

listening ear, or help with finding medical care can create opportunities to share God's love and grace.

Sunday June 7 - *ReFrame: Prayer website*

Helen, who is 72 years old and facing persistent health challenges, asks for prayer as she returns to the hospital again. Pray for God's healing for her, for the assurance of God's forgiveness, and for the Lord's comforting presence and strength during this wearying time of illness.