

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
July 19, 2026, 10:30 am Service
Guest Pastor Michael Kooy

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

"Father's Pure Radiance, Perfect in Innocence"

Prelude

Welcome

* Opening Hymn of Praise: Maranatha 246 ***As the Deer***

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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* Call to Worship:

O God, by your power may we, with all the saints,
comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth
of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.

—based on Ephesians 3:18-19

* Song of Praise: LUYH 334:1-4 ***May the Mind of Christ, My Savior***

1. May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do and say.
2. May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through his power.
3. May the peace of God, my Father,
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.
4. May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self abasing:
this is victory.

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* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

"Yet Learns Obedience to Death on a Cross"

Welcome/Announcements

Serve 2026 Video

Ministry Report and Prayer Requests

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance:

Leader: We have been made right with God
through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ once for all.

**People: This is God's gospel promise:
to forgive our sins and give us eternal life
by grace alone because of Christ's one sacrifice
finished on the cross.**

—Hebrews 10:10, NIV; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 66

Call to Holy Living/God's Law:

Leader: As we are to walk humbly with our God
in lives of gratitude, let us hear again his Word:
God commands us to serve him alone as God,
to serve him according to his Word,
to speak of him only with deep respect and love,
to attend faithfully the assembly of God's people
on the day of rest, and every day to let the Lord work
in us through his Spirit;
to respect and cooperate with all God-given authority,
to live purely and joyfully with the gift of sex,
to nurture human life as God's precious gift,
to use the resources of this earth as stewards
of God's creation,
to use the gift of speech for promoting the truth
in love, and to exercise purity of heart in all of life.

**People: May the Spirit of God guide us
to be obedient to this Word. Amen!**

* Song of Dedication: LUYH 100:1,3,4 ***Jesus, the Light of the World***

1. Hark, the herald angels sing.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the newborn King.
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.*

3. Christ, by highest heaven adored.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain

4. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain

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Offering: General Fund

Offertory

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

*"Suffering to Give Us Life,
Conquering through Sacrifice"*

* Song of Preparation: LUYH 746 ***Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God***

1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.
2. Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

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Scripture Reading: **1 Peter 2:21-25 and 3:8-18**

Prayer of Illumination

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

Time of Prayer

"And, as They Crucify, Prays, 'Father Forgive.'"

* Hymn of Application: LUYH 157 ***Meekness and Majesty***

1. Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity
in perfect harmony, the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility and washes our feet.

Refrain

*Oh, what a mystery-meekness and majesty;
bow down and worship, for this is your God.*

2. Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience to death on a cross,
suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice,
and, as they crucify, prays, "Father, forgive."

Refrain

3. Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
Love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

Refrain

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* We Confess our Faith:

Belgic Confession Article 26: The Intercession of Christ

We believe that we have no access to God
except through the one and only Mediator and Intercessor,
"Jesus Christ the righteous," who therefore was made human,
uniting together the divine and human natures,
so that we human beings might have access
to the divine Majesty. Otherwise we would have no access.

But this Mediator, whom the Father has appointed
between himself and us,
ought not terrify us by his greatness,
so that we have to look for another one,
according to our fancy.
For neither in heaven nor among the creatures on earth
is there anyone who loves us more than Jesus Christ does.

Although he was "in the form of God,"
Christ nevertheless "emptied himself,"
taking "human form" and "the form of a slave" for us;
and he made himself "like his brothers and sisters
in every respect."

Suppose we had to find another intercessor.
Who would love us more than he who gave his life for us,
even though "we were enemies"?

And suppose we had to find one who has prestige and power.
Who has as much of these as he who is seated
at the right hand of the Father,
and who has "all authority in heaven and on earth"?
And who will be heard more readily than God's own
dearly beloved Son?

So, the practice of honoring the saints as intercessors
in fact dishonors them because of its misplaced faith.
That was something the saints never did nor asked for,
but which in keeping with their duty,
as appears from their writings, they consistently refused.

We should not plead here that we are unworthy—
for it is not a question of offering our prayers
on the basis of our own dignity but only on the basis
of the excellence and dignity of Jesus Christ,
whose righteousness is ours by faith.

Since the apostle for good reason
wants us to get rid of this foolish fear—
or rather, this unbelief— he says to us that Jesus Christ
was made like “his brothers and sisters in every respect,
so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest”
to purify the sins of the people.

For since he suffered, being tempted,
he is also able to help those who are tempted.

And further, to encourage us more to approach him he says,
“Since, then, we have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,
let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but we have one who in every respect has been tested
as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help in time of need.”

The same apostle says that we “have confidence to enter
the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus.”

“Let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith....”

Likewise,
Christ “holds his priesthood permanently....
Consequently, he is able for all time to save
those who approach God through him,
since he always lives to make intercession for them.”

What more do we need?

For Christ himself declares:

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Why should we seek another intercessor?

Since it has pleased God to give us the Son as our Intercessor.

let us not leave him for another—

or rather seek, without ever finding.

For, when giving Christ to us,

God knew well that we were sinners.

Therefore, in following the command of Christ

we call on the heavenly Father

through Christ, our only Mediator,

as we are taught by the Lord's Prayer,

being assured that we shall obtain all we ask

of the Father in his name.

* God's Blessing

* Parting Hymn of Praise: LUYH 938

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace (2X)

My friends, may you grow in grace

and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

My friends, may you grow in grace

and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory, now and forever,

now and forever, amen.

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* Postlude

Welcome! "Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go," the psalmist prayed (Psalm 71:3). May we all find that God is a "rock of refuge" where we find help for every hour of need. A hearty welcome to all who have come to worship our Creator. 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.

Next Week is Communion Sunday!



***Creation groans**
waiting for the children of God to be revealed*

***Creation groans**
waiting to be born again;
waiting to be released from the bondage
of sin and decay.*

***Creation groans**
in wars and rumors of war, in signs and wonders.
These are the birth pangs that
come before all things are made new.*

***Creation groans**
in expectation of being fully restored,
renewed, and reborn.*

***We groan too**
for the Spirit of God is in us
And moving toward all that is yet to be.*

***Come Celebrate!**
Christ has died, Christ is Risen,
Christ will come again!*

Tech Team	Today: July 19	Next Week: July 26
Sound:	Tim H.	Henry VZ
Projection:	Beth B.	Tim H.
Video:	Brandon S.	Maddie D.
Offering:	General Fund	1st: General Fund; 2nd: Benevolence Fund

First CRC Bulletin Announcements

July 19, 2026

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

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New Church Directories will be in the works soon. If you would like to submit a different picture, or if you would like Beth to take your picture after church, please contact her before August 9. Thank you!

There are quite a lot of slots open for volunteers to pick up and bring Joy Faber to and from church in the months of August and September. Please sign up to share this blessing for Joy.

Worship Service YouTube Links:

PM, July 12 Service: https://youtube.com/live/FRfXqRj_MD8?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.

CALENDAR:

Greeters/Coffee Hosts: Today, July 19: Terry & Mandi D., Marjo R.
Next Week, July 26: Wayne & Rhea D., Mardick & Jill S.

Worship Team: Today: July 19: Greg B., Julie, Adriana & Tessa S.
Next Week, July 26: Beth B., Linda G.

Nursery: Today: July 19: Angela S, Lexi VDP
Next Week, July 26: Catherine & Noah VDK

Children in Worship: Today: July 19: Jodi VP
Next Week, July 26: Julie S., TBD

Volunteers to Pick up and Drive Home Joy Faber:

Today, July 19: Katie J.
Next week, July 26: Melba DK

Family Visiting Sunday, August 9:

5:45 pm: Sally R., Bob P., Jason & Shelby VDK
7:00 pm: Karen J., Jill R., Marilyn C.
8:15 pm: Judy V., Randy & Peggy B., Dave & Nancy V.

TODAY:

Sunday, July 19:

10:30am Worship Service

Church Potluck!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, July 26: Lord's Supper

Saturday, Aug. 15: Heather Village Garage Sale in our Parking Lot

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT:

Join Mid-America Reformed Seminary on October 2–3 at Bethel Church in Lansing, IL, for the **2026 Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference, *From Believing to Belonging: Hospitality and Evangelism in the Local Church***. Speakers include John Bouwers, Greg Bylsma, Jon Dennis, Alan Strange, Dale Van Dyke, Heather Watkins, and Eric Watkins. Learn more and register at www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference.

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kids Corner Devotions: Prayer: God Hears It All - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Prayer: God Hears It All" at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." One way that can happen is through prayer. God loves your prayers. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Family Practices for Family Collection.

We're Hiring! Ministry Consultant - Chaplaincy - The Ministry Consultant for chaplaincy is responsible for enlisting, endorsing, advocating, training, and supporting the Chaplains of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA). This ministry consultant will also participate in the general consulting work of Thrive. This is a full-time, remote position based in Canada or the U.S. Learn more and apply by July 19, 2026, at crcna.pinpointhq.com

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - This season of the church calendar is often called "ordinary time" and is represented by the color green. Spend some time this week looking for the color green as you go about your daily life. When you see green, use that as a prompt to thank God for the ways God sustains you during your day-to-day activities. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive



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.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please pray for continued strength and healing for **Tim Van Hofwegen**, after his heart catheterization surgery last week, and for the whole family as they prepare to move across the country.

Please continue to pray for **Deanna Van Beek's father**, as he recovers from jaw replacement surgery.

Pray for Rynne VanderPol's brother, **Ed VanderPol**, as he is recovering in Mount Vernon from a bad bike accident. Thanks be to God that he was well enough to travel from North Dakota to Washington to continue his recovery.

Please continue to pray for **Pastor Brad Diekema and his family**, as his father has been diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

Continue to pray for **Dena Klunder's** stroke recovery at her daughter Julie's house.

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 July 13 - Church Renewal: Global connections

Pray for the many connections the CRC has around the world. World Renew and Resonate Global Mission partner with various churches and organizations to serve in many different locations. Ask God to open doors to connections and partnerships that can grow to spread the gospel.

Tuesday July 14 - World Renew: South Sudan

Through peer organizations, we support people displaced by conflict. Many have been robbed and assaulted, and most of these people are women and children. Pray for peace and for alleviation of hunger. Ask God for provisions for those who have lost everything. Give thanks for local churches and partners serving as signs of hope in these difficult times.

Wednesday July 15 - *Resonate: Cambodia*

Just as the Christian Reformed Church has a church-planting plan in Canada and the United States, the denomination is working with ministry partners in Cambodia to plant churches throughout this primarily Buddhist country. Please pray for our missionaries Navy Chann Chaay and Ly Chaay as they walk alongside local leaders in Cambodia to plant more churches.

Thursday July 16 - *Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee: Myanmar*

Rev. Rolin San of the Christian Reformed Church of Myanmar reported that because of the civil war in their country, hundreds of church members “have been displaced as refugees, and countless others are homeless.” Several CRCM members have been killed, including from Rolin’s own family. Please pray for perseverance in this tremendously difficult time.

Friday July 17 - *Thrive: Congregational leaders*

Please pray for wisdom, discernment, and strength for pastors, leaders, and volunteers in congregations across the United States and Canada as they live out God’s call for renewal in their churches and communities.

Saturday July 18 - *ReFrame: Chinese ministry*

An anonymous listener asks for prayer as they seek to share God’s love effectively in a highly demanding corporate environment. Ask the Spirit to grant them wisdom and courage to be a faithful witness so that the gospel may reach more Chinese people. Pray also that the company’s leadership may foster a healthier corporate culture.

Sunday July 19 - *World Renew: Rains*

In Bangladesh at this time of year, rain is vitally important. Pray with us for enough rain to nourish crops but not so much that damaging floods would occur. Ask God to provide abundant rice harvests so that the economy can flourish and families can be fed.