

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
August 16, 2026, 10:30 am Service
Guest Pastor Greg Boon

*** Please stand in body or in spirit.**

*"LORD, our Lord, your glorious name
all your wondrous works proclaim;"*

Prelude

Welcome

*** Opening Hymn:** LUYH #500 vv. 1, 2, 4,5

"Lord our Lord, Your Glorious Name"

1. LORD, our Lord, your glorious name
all your wondrous works proclaim;
in the heavens with radiant signs
evermore your glory shines.
How great your name!

Refrain

*LORD, our Lord, in all the earth,
how great your name!
Yours the name of matchless worth,
excellent in all the earth.
How great your name!*

2. Infant voices chant your praise,
telling of your glorious ways;
weakest means work out your will,
mighty enemies to still.
How great your name!

Refrain

4. Who are we that we should share
in your love and tender care—
raised to an exalted height,
crowned with honor in your sight!
How great your name!

Refrain

5. With dominion crowned, we stand
o'er the creatures of your hand;
all to us subjection yield,
in the sea and air and field.
How great your name!

Refrain

*Words: Psalter, 1912, alt., P.D.; Music: William F. Sherwin (1826-1888), 1877,
P.D.; CCLI# 678905*

*** Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord,
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

Leader: Come let us bow down in worship,

People: Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

Leader: For He is our God,

**People: and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under His care.**

- From Psalm 95:1-2,6-7

*** Song of Praise: LUYH #227 v. 1-4 "He is Lord"**

1. He is Lord, he is Lord,
he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.
2. He is King, he is King,
he will draw all nations to him; he is King!
And the time shall be when the world shall sing
that Jesus Christ is King.
3. He is Love, he is Love,
he has shown us by his life that he is Love!
All his people sing with one voice of joy
that Jesus Christ is Love.

4. He is Life, he is Life,
he has died to set us free, and he is Life!
And he calls us all to live evermore,
for Jesus Christ is Life.

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* **God's Greeting/We greet each other**

"In the heavens with radiant signs"

* **Announcements**

* **Call to Confession:**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves
and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness. - 1 John 1:8-9

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is
steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.
It is He who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

- Psalm 130:7-8

Call to Holy Living:

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 Matt 22:37-40

*** Song of Response: LUYH #437 v. 1-3 “Day by Day”**

1. Day by day and with each passing moment,
strength I find to meet my trials here;
trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment,
I’ve no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
gives unto each day what he deems best—
lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
mingling toil with peace and rest.
2. Every day the Lord himself is near me,
with a special mercy for each hour;
all my cares he gladly bears and cheers me,
he whose name is Counselor and Power.
The protection of his child and treasure
is a charge that on himself he laid:
“As your days, your strength shall be in measure”—
this the pledge to me he made.
3. Help me then in every tribulation
so to trust your promises, O Lord,
that I lose not faith’s sweet consolation
offered me within your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
e’er to take, as from a father’s hand,
one by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
till I reach the promised land.

Words: Carolina Sandell Berg (1865); tr. Andrew L. Skoog, 1931, alt. P.D

Offering: General Fund

Offertory

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

*** Song of Preparation: "Christ our Wisdom" (Sovereign Grace)**

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 You 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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"Evermore Your glory shines"

Scripture: John 7:1-10

Prayer of Illumination

Message: "At the right time"

Time of Prayer

*** Song of Response:** LUYH #770 v. 1-4 "In Christ Alone"

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then, bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no human plan,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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"How great Your name!"

We Confess Our Faith: HC Lord's Day 5 and 6

Leader: What kind of mediator and deliverer
should we look for then?

**People: One who is a true and righteous human,
yet more powerful than all creatures,
that is, one who is also true God.**

Leader: Why must the mediator be a true
and righteous human?

**People: God's justice demands that human nature,
which has sinned, must pay for sin;
but a sinful human could never pay for others.**

Leader: Why must the mediator also be true God?

**People: So that the mediator, by the power of his divinity,
might bear the weight of God's wrath in his humanity
and earn for us and restore to us righteousness
and life.**

Leader: Then who is this mediator – true God
and at the same time a true and righteous human?

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

God's Blessing

*** Parting Hymn of Praise: LUYH #953 v. 1-2**

“Now Blessed by the Lord Our God”

1. Now blessed be the Lord our God,
the God of Israel,
for he alone does wondrous works:
his glorious deeds excel;
for he alone does wondrous works:
his glorious deeds excel.
2. And blessed be his glorious name
through all eternity;
the whole earth let his glory fill:
Amen! so shall it be;
the whole earth let his glory fill:
Amen! so shall it be.

Words: Psalm 72:18-19; Scottish Psalter, 1650, alt., P.D.; CCLI #678905

*** Postlude**

Tech Team	Today: August 16	Next Week: August 23
Sound:	Mardick S.	Henry VZ
Projection:	Beth B.	Tim H.
Video:	Tim H.	Maddie D.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

First CRC Bulletin Announcements

August 16, 2026

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

This morning we welcome Greg Boon, who will be leading us in worship.

New Church Directories: Beth decided to put a sign-up sheet with the others for the coming Sundays where she'll be taking pictures directly after church. Please sign up! Thank you!

If you signed up to have your picture taken this morning, please meet Beth outside on the east side of the church after the service.

There are still 2 slots open for volunteers to pick up and bring **Joy Faber** to and from church for August 30 and September 20. Please sign up if you are able to do this. There is a new sign-up sheet for the fall out as well.

Worship Service YouTube Links:

PM, August 9 Service: <https://youtube.com/live/aTl7yRwEFUg?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, August 16: Sarah Z, Michelle DK
Next Week, August 23: Eliot & Sue B., Mardi & Kristi S.

Worship Team: Today: August 16: Kevin K., Eliot B., Heidi B., Emma S.

Next Week, August 23: Beth B., Linda G., France B.

Nursery: Today: August 16: Mandi D., Kenzie S.

Next Week, August 23: Adriana S., Riley VDV

Children in Worship: Today: August 16: Amy S., Millie F.

Next Week, August 23: Jennie VDV, Nellie VD

Volunteers to Pick up and Drive Home Joy Faber:

Today, August 16: Greg A.

Next week, August 23: Melba DK

Family Visiting Sunday, September 13:

5:45 pm: Brandon & Julie S., Simon LC, Darin & Michelle K.

7:00 pm: Eliot & Sue B., Jillian H., John & Brooke K.

If you are unable to meet on the date you are scheduled for a visit, please call the elders who are assigned to your district (Found at the top of the column you are in on the 2026 Family Visiting Schedule)

TODAY/THIS WEEK:

Sunday, August 16:

10:30am Worship Service

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 - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "A New School Year: God's Power Of Love In You!" at www.kidscorner.net.

School is back, and that means new adventures, new challenges, and lots of chances to grow! Even in frustrating moments, you can choose kindness, patience, and love. Remember, you're never on your own, and you can make a big difference in your school every single day!

Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

Groundwork: Hear God's Voice: A Warning Against Unbelief - When we feel weary and under pressure, the author of Hebrews urges us to hear God's voice and resist the temptation to drift away from our faith. Join Groundwork as we study Hebrews 3-4:13 to discover how history and community can help us hear God's voice, keep us securely anchored in our faith when we're tempted to drift, and find God's promised Sabbath rest. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Jesus learned from the mistakes of God's people. He copied the playbook on radical curiosity from the Father. And instead of coming in like a superhero, Jesus entered into humanity by wrapping himself in human flesh and moving "into the neighborhood" (John 1:14, The Message). As you reflect on the humble way Jesus came into the world, think about someone you might normally avoid or people who are excluded in your community. How can you show the love of Christ to those people this week? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

2026 Cambodia Discovery Tour - World Renew invites you on a journey to explore Cambodia! Grow in your understanding of World Renew's work from communities already leading change, while experiencing the history, traditions, and culture of Cambodia. Join us from November 6-16, 2026 and come discover what God is doing in Cambodia. Registration is limited. For more information and to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/cambodia2026info>



How can we **PRAY** for you?

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 **Ryanne VanderPol** and her family as they mourn the loss of brother John on August 6. Pray that the Lord will be close to them as they mourn his loss.

Please pray for the Van Hofwegen family as they settle into their new surroundings in Sioux Falls.

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

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 August 10 - Church Renewal: Church-planting plan

In the past year the CRC has worked on a church-planting plan. Pray that congregations and classes will renew their commitments to church planting, starting with a foundation of prayer and praying with expectation that the Spirit will lead and provide.

Tuesday August 11 - *World Renew: Burkina Faso*

Ongoing insecurity in this country continues to force families from their homes, cutting them off from land, livestock, and livelihoods they once relied on. Pray for the many people now living in crowded host communities with limited access to food and income. As World Renew helps families during this crisis, pray that we may diligently show God's mercy and compassion.

Wednesday August 12 - *Resonate: Campus ministries*

Please pray for Resonate-partner campus ministries throughout Canada and the United States as they welcome students back to campus this month. Please ask God to draw students into these communities—developing relationships with Jesus and one another.

Thursday August 13 - *Calvinist Cadet Corps: Cadets and counselors*

This year's Cadet theme, "Mountains of Blessings," based on Psalm 125:2, reminds us that just "as the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people" with his faithful presence and care. Pray for counselors as they guide boys in recognizing God's blessings, and may our cadets trust in God's presence and live out our motto, Living for Jesus.

Friday August 14 - *Thrive: Renewal*

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

Saturday August 15 - *ReFrame: Prayer ministry*

Connie asks for prayer, since her husband was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Pray for God's healing, comfort, and peace for their family as they face this challenging diagnosis. May they sense the Lord's strengthening presence throughout this journey.

Sunday August 16 - *World Renew: Savings and livelihoods groups*

Across many regions, families are building stability through savings groups and small business initiatives. When banking options are limited, these community groups offer solutions. Pray with us that these efforts will continue to bring dignity, opportunity, and hope.