

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2026 10:30 A.M.

OUTDOOR SERVICE – PRAISE IN THE PARK

Pastor: Gary Mulder

Keyboard: Dori Ohm

Praise Band

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF PRAISE: *Goodness of God* • *Love of God*

* OPENING PRAYER

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRAISE MINISTRY: *What I Didn't Know Then* – Praise Band

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and the Building Fund)

CHILDREN'S OFFERING (Compassion Child – Nelly and Raj)

(Please sign the friendship pads as the offering is received)

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:

Praise Him, all creatures here below:

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 43:16-21

MESSAGE: *Streams in the Desert*

* HYMN: *Showers of Blessings*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: *My Friends May We Grow in Grace*

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship at our outdoor service.

You are invited to a catered meal following the service. As the Congregational Care Team sets up to serve, enjoy the fellowship and the great outdoors.

NEXT SUNDAY:

- The Worship Team will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some hymns.
- Rod King will be providing ministry of praise.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

TUESDAY: 7 p.m. – Buildings and Ground Team

WEDNESDAY:

7 p.m. Junior High Youth Kickoff – Bring a friend!

Be prepared to get wet!

FUTURE DATES

September 2.....	Senior High Youth
September 3.....	Education Team at 6 pm
September 9.....	Senior High Youth
September 14.....	Serve a meal at Harvest Table in Brookings
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PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **George Cotton, Gary Egeberg, Whitney Goetsch, Lois Kleinjan, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Tammy Mullett, Ken Pederson, Joel Schonewill, Harold Van Hoepen, and Gina Vander Wal**

Also continue to pray for **Howard Rozendal** who resides at United Living Community in Brookings, **Donald Langland** who is at the Estelline Nursing and Care Center, **Marilyn Kleinjan** and **Carolyn Cotton** are at Dakota Sun in Volga and **Adriana Kleinjan** and **Harold Van Hoepen** who are homebound.

Please take a few minutes to visit with our shut-ins. They would love to see you.

John Cotton received good reports following surgery. Thank God that no cancer was detected.

THANK YOU: Whitney Goetsch's sister's surgery went well and is recovering. Whitney and Tim want to thank everyone for their prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS: Sterling and Chloe Johnson welcomed a baby boy, Walker Sterling to their family on August 18. Grandparents are Al and Amy Vande Weerd and great grandparents are John and Linda Vande Weerd. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACK PEWS: A reminder for the following Sundays -- Now that Sunday School will begin and as our church continues to grow, we want to remind you that the back pews are reserved for families with small children. This allows them easy access to the nursery and a more pleasant environment for all. We appreciate your assistance in this matter. Thank you.

MEALS FOR THE YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS: If you are willing to serve a 'quick' meal for the Wednesday night youth groups, please sign on the sheet on the small table by the south bulletin board. Suggestions for food are on the sign-up sheet as well as how many to serve and time of delivery. You do NOT need to serve the food. Thank you in advance.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 31, 2026

Greeters: Tim and Whitney Goetsch Family

Ushers: George and Bev Cotton

Nursery: Paisley and Brenna Raml

Coffee Servers: Jason and Laura Hove

Offering: General Fund and Deacon's Fund

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