

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2026 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder

Organ – Carol Kleinjan

Keyboard: Karen Knutson

Men's Group

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMNS: 325 – *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

383 – *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

* 398 – *Cleanse Me*

* OPENING PRAYER

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRAISE MINISTRY: *His Eye is on the Sparrow* - Carol Kleinjan

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PREPARATORY SERVICE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and Building Fund)

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

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

* DOXOLOGY: (page 623)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Romans 3:9-20 p. 1750

MESSAGE: ***Our Need – His Solution: Part 1***

* HYMN: 313 – *At Calvary*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 314 - *He Touched Me* (vs. 1)

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

A WARM WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship and praise. We come together as a body of believers with joy in our hearts wanting to know more about serving Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

After the service, you are invited to the fellowship hall for fellowship and conversation. The family of Edward and Gina Vander Wal is serving cake this morning recognizing some special dates in their life: Edward's 90th birthday back in June, their 66th wedding anniversary in June and Gina's 87th birthday coming up in November. May God continue to bless you richly as He has done in the past years!

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: George and Bev Cotton

Ushers: Wayne and Carolyn Tucker

Nursery: Nicole Vande Weerd and Ruby

Coffee Servers: Vander Wal Family

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY:

We have classes for ALL ages. The children (Pre-primary-5th grade) will have a time of singing in the large northeast Sunday School room at 11 a.m. Instruction in the classroom will be from 11:15-11:45 a.m.

All other classes will begin at 11 a.m.

Classroom doors are marked as to the class that is held in that room.

If you are struggling to find a classroom, please ask someone.

The adult class led by Pastor Gary will meet in the sanctuary and will continue with the series of discussions on the book of Luke. Today's scripture is taken from Luke 22:39-71. This is a video series by J. D. Greear.

The Tri-Valley Barbershop Chorus will be in concert here this evening beginning at 4 p.m. Everyone in attendance is invite to stay for a meal with the choir. Invite your friends and neighbors for this rare opportunity. A freewill offering will be taken to help cover travel costs and support the chorus.

NEXT SUNDAY:

- The praise band will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some hymns.
- We will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

MONDAY: 5:45-6:45 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Our bell choir would love to add three new ringers so we can play three-octave music this year. We're changing our practices to Mondays from 5:45 – 6:45. Come try it out! Talk to Robyn Mulder if you're interested (319-883-0720).

7 p.m. – Fresh Hope

TUESDAY: 7:30 p.m. - Congregational Care Team

WEDNESDAY: 7 p.m. – Junior High Youth Group

THURSDAY: 3:45 p.m.. – GEMS at CRC

FUTURE DATES

September 28.....	Buildings and Ground Team
September 29.....	Worship Team
September 30.....	Fun Night for both youth groups
	Men's Discipleship Group
October 7.....	Senior High Youth
October 20.....	MESA Team
November 1.....	Combined Reformation Service at FRC at 6:30 p.m.

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

John Vande Weerd's heart procedure went well on Monday. He would like to thank you for your prayers and concerns.

Please pray for **Sandi Franklin** as she continues to struggle with back pain from spinal stenosis.

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Gary Egeberg, Whitney Goetsch, Lois Kleinjan, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Bernice**

Mullett, Tammy Mullett, Joel Schonewill, Allen VanHoepen, 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 would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns during his recent surgery and recuperation. It was not an easy time but he is now thankful to be healthy and is able to do some work again.

THANK YOU to the Education Team and all the others who helped to make Sunday School Kick-off a success. We are looking forward to a great year!

THANK YOU to those who provided in any way to the meal served at the Harvest Table in Brookings this past Monday evening. The bars and your help in preparing and serving the meal is greatly appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY GROUP will begin studying 10 women of the New Testament from the study book entitled *Women of the New Testament* (Life Guide Bible Studies) written by Phyllis J. LePeau.

If you have never attended before, we invite and encourage you to attend. Please see Susan for a study book. The cost for the book is \$11.60.

SERVICE PROJECT FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER:

Boxes are set up in the fellowship hall as well as the coat room along the south hallway for you to place your warm winter clothing (**IN GOOD CLEAN CONDITION**). These will be given to the Center of Hope in Sioux Falls. There is a special need for men's and children's coats/snowpants (all sizes) gloves/mittens, hats and winter boots. However, they will take all winter gear items.

The boxes will be set up until the end of October.

THE VOLGA GEMS are selling greeting cards for their annual fundraiser. If you can't find a GEMS member, please contact Geraldine Runia at 605.690.5446.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 27, 2026

Greeters: Jim and Jen Greene Family

Ushers: Wayne and Carolyn Tucker

Nursery: Roberta Volkers and Landon Sapp

Coffee Servers: Charles and Ruth Sapp

Offering: General Fund and Mission Fund

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