

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 4, 2026 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder **Guest Pastor:** Duane R. Smith
Organ – Carol Kleinjan
Keyboard: Karen Knutson
Praise Team

PRELUDE

PRAISE SONGS: *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down*
As the Deer • *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

- * OPENING PRAYER
- * GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAISE MINISTRY: *Psalm 65* - Foster and Ellie Popken

ANNOUNCEMENTS
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: Luke 23:32-43 p. 1641
MESSAGE: *The Story of the Three Crosses*

- * HYMN: 237 – *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*
- * BENEDICTION
- * CLOSING HYMN: 253 – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
(all verses)

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

A WARM WELCOME is extended to all who have come to join us in worship and praise. As we gather as a body of believers, may the Lord richly bless us as we worship together.
We extend a warm welcome to Pastor Duane Smith who will be bringing a message from God's Holy Word this morning.
After the service, you are invited to the fellowship hall for fellowship and coffee or a cold drink.

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Jim and Karen Janssen
Ushers: Chris Mans and Dori Ohm
Nursery: Laura Hove and Rebecca Olson
Coffee Servers: Dar Ludwig and Shirley Int Veld

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.
The adult class led by Ron Koerner today 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 23:32-56. This is a video series by J. D. Greear.

BACK PEWS:

Thank you to those that moved up towards the front this past Sunday.
Now that Sunday School has begun and as our church continues to grow, we want to remind you that the back pews are reserved for families with young children. This allows them easy access to the nursery and a more pleasant environment for all.

NEXT SUNDAY:

- The mixed Quartet will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some well-known hymns.
- Kari Vander Wal will be providing praise ministry.
- Cody Moret will be leading the morning service.
- A group will be going to Dakota Sun at 11 a.m. for a short service there.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

WEDNESDAY: 6:30 p.m. – Cadets at CRC

7 p.m. - Senior High Youth Group

THURSDAY: 2 p.m. – Ladies Bible Study

Lesson 1 – *Elizabeth, Receiving God's Goodness*

Luke 1:5-25, 39-45, 57-66

Leader – Barb; Refreshments – Joan

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.

3:45 p.m. – GEMS at CRC - The GEMS card sales will end on October 8. If you would like to purchase greeting cards and have not been approached, please see any GEMS girl or contact Geraldine Runia at 605-690-5446.

FUTURE DATES

October 14.....	Senior High Youth
October 15.....	Dakota Sun Program
October 18.....	Nomination ballots are due
October 19	Fresh Hope
	Consistory
October 20.....	MESA Team
October 22.....	Worship Team
October 26.....	Buildings & Grounds Team
October 31.....	Decorating for the fall season
November 1.....	Combined Reformation Service at FRC at 6:30 p.m.
November 7.....	VCS Harvest Festival

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Gina Vander Wal's hip replacement surgery went well and she is recovering at home. She is grateful for your prayers that supported her during surgery and your thoughts and concerns.

Darcy Kasdorf is at home dealing with severe pain and waiting for possible treatment options. Please pray for pain relief and a long-term solution to the problem.

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Gary Egeberg, Kathy Engel, Sandi Franklin, 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 our shut-ins. They would love to see you.

PASTOR GARY AND ROBYN are vacationing and visiting family until October 16. If you have any spiritual needs during this time, please contact one of the elders; Bryon Mullett, Jason Hove, Daniel Ostrem, or Michelle Vander Wal.

THANK YOU: On behalf of the Tri-Valley Barbershop Chorus, we'd like to whole-heartedly thank you for the generous offering we received for our performance at First Reformed last Sunday! We do love sharing our ministry through 4-part harmony singing. Thanks to Daniel Ostrem for organizing and Pastor Gary for welcoming us so warmly! "Sincerely", the Tri-Valley Barbershop Chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOMINATION BALLOTS WERE IN YOUR MAILBOXES LAST SUNDAY. Please prayerfully consider who God would desire to lead our congregation over the next three years. Ballots are due back to the nomination box on the back table in the sanctuary by noon on October 18.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to provide a program or serve refreshments on the 3rd Thursday afternoon of each month at **Dakota Sun**. Your help and time would be appreciated as the residents look forward to visitors. Please sign the sheet provided in the fellowship hall. Thank you in advance for volunteering!!

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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PRESTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH to an evening of worship, *O Praise the Name* on Sunday, October 18 from 6:30-8 p.m.

VOLGA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL will be hosting a book fair October 5-8. Church and community families are invited to stop by and support VCS while finding some great books. Book fair hours are:
Monday and Tuesday, October 5 and 6 – 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 7 – 2-6 p.m.
Thursday, October 8 - 4 -6 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 11, 2026

Greeters: The Cody Knapp Family
Ushers: Chris Mans and Dori Ohm
Nursery: Bev Cotton and Ryan Vandermeer
Coffee Servers: Caleb and Emily Schaefer
Offering: General Fund and Volga Christian School

Dakota Sun Assisted Living Service at 11 a.m.

The following are encouraged to attend: Tim & Whitney, Chr., Scott & Michelle, Nate Clapp, Nick Clapp, Brian Franklin, Dan & Melanie, Cody & Brittany, Daniel & Heidi, Paisley Raml, Nick & Nicole, pre-primary-5th grade and their teachers.

Even if your name is not on the list, you are invited and encouraged to worship and visit with the residents at Dakota Sun.

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DO YOU HAVE ANY EXTRA PUMPKINS, SQUASH OR GOURDS that you would consider sharing and could be used in the big cornucopia that will be put outside the church? If so, please bring them to the church by October 25. Please put them where the cornucopia will be placed (same place as last year). Pumpkins (any size), squash (any kind) and gourds would be appreciated!

Thank you.