

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

9:30 AM

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Charish Weeldreyer*

For Praise:

✠ Song of Praise “Goodness of God”

✠ Prayer of Confession (read in unison)

Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God. The peace that Christ gives is to guide us in the decisions we make, for it is to this peace that God has called us together into one body. With his own body he broke down the walls of separation. By his death on the cross Christ destroyed our divisions. Jesus Christ, life of the world and of all creation, forgive our separation and grant us peace and unity. Amen.

—based on *Ephesians 2:14-22; 4:3-6; Colossians 3:15; 1 John 4:7*

✠ Words of Assurance

✠ Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”

✠ Passing of the Peace

Ministry in Music – *Kim Geiken*

For Reflection:

Children’s Message

Old Testament Lesson – 1 Chronicles 16:23-27 (page 651)

Response Psalm – Psalm 34:1-10 (page 871)

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 8:1-4 (page 1507)

Message: “**A Community**”

Prayer of Commitment

✠ Affirmation of Faith #716 “The Apostles’ Creed”

✠ Hymn #376 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠ Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

✠ Presentation of our Gifts to God (read in unison)

God of life, we pray that our unity will be seen not only in what we believe but also in how we work together to be salt and light in this world. May our gifts today be a sign for each other and the world, that we pledge to work together in your name for the healing of this broken and hurting world. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Church Family Ties

Congregational Prayer and “*The Lord’s Prayer*”

✠ Benediction

✠ Closing Song “Lord, I Need You”

Postlude

✠ *Please stand during these acts of worship.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The scripture and message will be posted on Facebook. You may view the worship service live in the kitchen, the Family Life Center, and the nursery.

Today we partake in the Lord’s Supper as part of World Communion Sunday.

Preschool-5th Grade students may leave during the closing song for “Little Lambs” choir and their Sunday School class.

Youth in grades 6-12 meet at 10:45 AM for a video/discussion series. This week’s topic is “How Fervent Prayer Brings Healing and Miracles.”

Adults are invited to a video/discussion series at 10:45 AM in the Family Life Center. Pastor Harlan is leading “Christianity, Cults, and Religions.”

October newsletters have been sent by email. Printed newsletters are available by our mailboxes.

The Love INC Community Walk is this Saturday, October 10, with registration here at Second Reformed at 9:00 AM. The 1.4- and 2.4-mile walks both begin at 9:30 AM. The \$20 registration fee for walkers age 13 & up supports Love INC. There will be stops at churches and booths along the way.

Next Sunday, October 11, we have an opportunity to share God’s love by serving the evening meal at Freedom’s Gate in Sioux Falls. Sign-up sheets are in the fellowship hall to provide food for the meal and to help serve the meal. Contact Beverly Winterboer, Kim Geiken, or Mary Schilling with questions.

Love INC (In the Name of Christ) has received a grant to start a new ministry called *Baby Moses* to support new moms physically, mentally and spiritually in the first three months following birth. An informational meeting will be held October 13 at 5:30 PM at Faith Presbyterian Church in Lennox. Volunteers are needed. Questions? Call Michelle Paulson at 605-681-6550.

The Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters are holding a potluck meeting on October 16 at 1:00 PM at Valley Springs Reformed. The Love Gift is laundry pods or sheets. If you are not able to bring a hotdish or salad to share for the potluck, come anyway. All are welcome. Dessert will be provided.

Our annual Mission Emphasis Sunday is October 25. The guest speaker is Rich Koele from Hope Haven Ministries. The consistory will serve donuts during the fellowship time that follows and Rich will share more about Hope Haven during that time. The offering that morning will be given to Hope Haven and to the mission family we support in Europe.

Children in preschool-12th grades will meet together in the Family Life Center during the Sunday School time on Oct 25 to paint pumpkins and to write letters to the missionary families that we support. Parents, please help your children write letters ahead of time.

We will be assembling a gift basket for the Center of Hope fall benefit on November 7 at Celebrate Church in Sioux Falls. Place monetary gifts in the baskets in our kitchen serving window by October 25. Thank you.

Bring discarded clothing/rags for the "Rags to Roofing" project at the Union Gospel Mission to our church at any time.

"Words of Hope" devotionals are available by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall or online at woh.org. Please share them with others.

Go to www.secondreformed.com to join our email prayer chain group. Click "services" at the top of the page, scroll down and click the "join" button in the prayer chain section. Contact Jerod Zimmer or Kristi Rops for assistance. **You may also participate in a phone prayer chain group.** Contact Kristi Rops or Joann Muller to be added to a phone group.

Contact Jerod Zimmer, Shellene Smidt, or Charish Weeldreyer if you would like to give offerings by automatic bank withdrawals.

Last Sunday we received \$1,131 for the general fund (\$3,457 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget).

TODAY:

Welcome to Second Reformed Church! We invite all visitors to sign the guest book and to join us for fellowship following worship.

Music: Acoustic

Greeters: Gary & Kim Geiken

Coffee: Paul & Laurie Kruse and Chris & Jordan Kruse

8:55-9:25 AM – Koffee Kiosk (bring your own covered mug)

9:30 AM – Worship Service

10:25 AM – Preschool-5th Grade "Little Lambs" Choir and Sunday School

10:30 AM – Coffee/Fellowship Time

10:45 AM – 6th-12th Grade Video Series on "The Power of Prayer"

Adult Video Series on "Christianity, Cults, and Religions"

11:15 AM – Classes Dismiss

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday – 6th-12th Grade Youth go to Yogi Bear Corn Maze

Elder and Deacon meetings at 7:00 PM

Consistory meeting at 7:30 PM; Lunch – Charish Weeldreyer

Friday – Bulletin information due by 9:00 AM

NEXT SUNDAY:

Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM; Worship Service at 9:30 AM; Music – Judy Schlunsen; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Helen Groen and Linda Olmstead; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Eugene & Dale Dannen, Dean & Cinda Rippentrop, Maxine Bossman; Preschool-5th Grade Choir and Sunday School at 10:25 AM; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM; 6th-12th Grade Sunday School and Adult Video/Discussion series at 10:45 AM; Classes dismiss at 11:15 AM; Serve meal at Freedom's Gate following their 5:00 PM service

PRAYERS:

Pray for the churches in our community and Love INC (In the Name of Christ) of greater Lennox and Turner County.

Robert DeVries (father of Dan DeVries) passed on October 1. We extend our sympathies and prayers.

Glorify God

Renew Through Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth



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