

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

9:30 AM

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Dennis Ebright*

For Praise:

✠Songs of Praise #76 “O for a Thousand Tongues” (verses 1-4)
#282 “The Family of God” (sing twice)

✠Prayer of Confession (read in unison)

**Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret, forgive us;
for the things we have failed to do that we regret, forgive us;
for all the times we have acted without love, forgive us;
for all the times we have reacted without thought, forgive us;
for all the times we have withdrawn care, forgive us;
for all the times we have failed to forgive, forgive us.
For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, for unfinished tasks
and unfulfilled hopes, God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down
our burden of regret. Amen.**

✠Words of Assurance

✠Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”

✠Passing of the Peace

Ministry in Music – *Noah Sitter*

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders

For Reflection:

Children’s Message

Old Testament Lesson – Exodus 6:1-9 (pages 94-95)

Response Psalm – Psalm 31:1-5 (pages 867-868)

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 16:13-22 (page 1524)

Message: **“In Particular”**

Prayer of Commitment

✠Hymn #349 “Trust and Obey” (verses 1-4)

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

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

**Almighty God, you have given us everything. Not only did you create us,
but you provide for our every need. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you
are good. Your love endures forever. For your abundant grace we give
you thanks. Gratefully we offer the gifts you first gave us. We give thanks
to you, Lord, for you are good. Your love endures forever. Use our time,
our talents, and our tithes for your glory. May it bless others with hope,
peace, and joy. Amen.**

Church Family Ties

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

✠Benediction

✠Closing Song #350 “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

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.

This morning we will present Bibles to 3rd graders Paxton Kruse and August Winterboer.

Everyone is invited to stay for Rally Sunday activities, games, a balloon launch, and a meal following worship.

Youth group for students in grades 6-12 begins this Wednesday, Sept 16, with a hayride. Meet at our church parking lot at 6:30 PM. Refreshments will be served after the hayride. Invite a friend!

Sunday School classes will begin September 20 following worship. We still need substitute teachers. Contact Randy Smit or Shellene Smidt with questions or to volunteer.

Adults are invited to a video/discussion series during the Sunday School time beginning September 20 at 10:45 AM in the Family Life Center. Pastor Harlan will lead “Christianity, Cults, and Religions.” Topics include Essential Christian Doctrine, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormonism, Eastern Spirituality, and Islam.

Kristi Rops is returning to her usual office hours of Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM.

We have not had phone or internet service at the church this week. We extend our apologies for missed phone calls and emails.

October newsletter information is due in the office by 9:00 AM on Monday, September 21.

Nomination Sunday is September 27. Read the letter in your mailbox and prayerfully consider who you will nominate for two 3-year terms for elder and for deacon. A list of those eligible for nomination is included with the letter.

If you would like to be a Caring Cook, contact Patty Sinning or Susan Bultena.

Thank you for all the contributions for the Human Services Center in Yankton. They were delivered and well-received. The school supplies and cash donations were delivered to the Foster Care Center in Sioux Falls and were also greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

Remember to start gathering discarded clothing/rags for the “Rags to Roofing” project at the Union Gospel Mission. Donations may be brought to our church at any time.

The Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters meet Friday, September 18, at 2:00 PM at First Baptist Church in Chancellor. The love gift is new or gently used towels and wash cloths and/or men’s socks. Anyone is welcome to attend. Contact Pastor Harlan or a Philathea Guild member if you would like to be our delegate to these monthly meetings.

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

A Community Wak will be held in Lennox on Saturday, September 26, from 9:00-11:00 AM to highlight area churches and local ministries. The \$20 registration fee for walkers age 13 & up will support Love INC. Children 12 & under are free. Registration will be here at Second Reformed for the 1.4 or 2.4 mile loop.

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 \$3,039 for the general fund (\$3,457 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget), \$150 for the mission fund, and \$50 for the building fund.

TODAY:

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

Music: Diana Smit and Judy Schlunsen

Greeters: John & Christina Eitreim

Coffee: Jerry & Mary Schilling, Lois Kliniger, and Linda Olmstead

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

9:30 AM – Worship Service

10:30 AM – Coffee/Fellowship Time

Rally Sunday games, activities, and balloon launch

Lunch

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday – 6th-12th Grade Youth Hayride; meet here at 6:30 PM

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 – Helen Groen; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Mark & Vivian Eitreim; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Verlyn & Joann Muller, Lynda DeJong, and Marc & Charish Weeldreyer; 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

PRAYERS:

Pray for our Christian education program. Pray that we will grow and learn as we begin or continue our faith journey. Pray for the leaders, teachers, and volunteers who make our program possible.

Glorify God

Renew Through Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth

“But what about you?” Jesus asked.

“Who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God.”

Matthew 16:15-16

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