

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2026 **9:30 AM**

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements – *Randy Smit*

For Praise:

✠ Song of Praise #43 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
✠ Prayer of Confession (read in unison)

Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left you and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires. For the times we have hurt the members of our families by refusing to do our share of the family tasks. Father, we have sinned. Forgive us. For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern. Father, we have sinned. Forgive us. For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice. Father, we have sinned. Forgive us. For the times we refused to forgive others. Father, we have sinned. Forgive us. Amen.

✠ Words of Assurance
✠ Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”
✠ Passing of the Peace
Ministry in Music – *Video*

For Reflection:

Children’s Message – “Blessing of the Backpacks”
Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 44:6-8 (pages 1128-1129)
Response Psalm – Psalm 86:8-13 (pages 924-925)
New Testament Lesson – Matthew 13:24-30 (page 1518)
Message: **“Weeds and Wheat”**
Prayer of Commitment
✠ Hymn #262 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings
✠ Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”
✠ Presentation of our Gifts to God (read in unison)

Generous God, you have given us life, a place to live in, and people to live with. Open our eyes to each other and to all our brothers and sisters, especially the poor, the oppressed, the alienated. Make us humble enough to help and comfort them, so that your love and justice and peace may come to them. We make bold to consecrate ourselves and our gifts to you and to the service of others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Church Family Ties
Congregational Prayer and “*The Lord’s Prayer*”
✠ Benediction
✠ Closing Song “Come Thou Fount” Video
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.

Kristi Rops has reduced office hours this summer. She is in the office most Mondays and Fridays from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM.

September newsletters have been sent by email. Printed newsletters are available on the table beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

The Philathea Guild will meet in the coffee side room following worship this morning. All women are invited.

Rally Sunday is September 13. Everyone is invited to stay for games, a balloon launch, and a meal following worship.

Sunday School classes will begin September 20. 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.

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

Youth group for students in grades 6-12 begins 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!

We are collecting donations of school supplies during the month of August to support the Foster Care program. Children in crisis are often moved from their school and need basic supplies to begin at a new one.

“Sewing for Others” meets the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons of each month at 1:00 PM in the Family Life Center. All are welcome.

Inspiration Hills is holding a Warrior Run on Saturday, September 12. The Warrior Run is a fun community event that helps provide camp scholarships to Inspiration Hills. Register for the 5K Warrior Run: \$35 and a 1 Mile Fun Run: \$30. www.inspirationhills.org/warrior.

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.

Volunteers are needed to mow our church lawn. Sign-up on the office door.

The July-September "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 \$2,035 for the general fund (\$3,457 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget) and \$250 for the mission 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: Helen Groen

Greeter: Nathan & Molly Townsend

Coffee: Brock Hoogestraat and Pastor Harlan & Verlaine Hayunga

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

9:30 AM – Worship Service

10:30 AM – Coffee/Fellowship Time

10:40 AM – Philathea Guild meeting in the Coffee Side Room

THIS WEEK:

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 – Denise Snoozy; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Dennis & Marilyn Ebright; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Nathan & Elizabeth Hopf and David & Margaret Rupert; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM

PRAYERS:

Pray for students, families, teachers, staff, and administrators as a new school year begins.

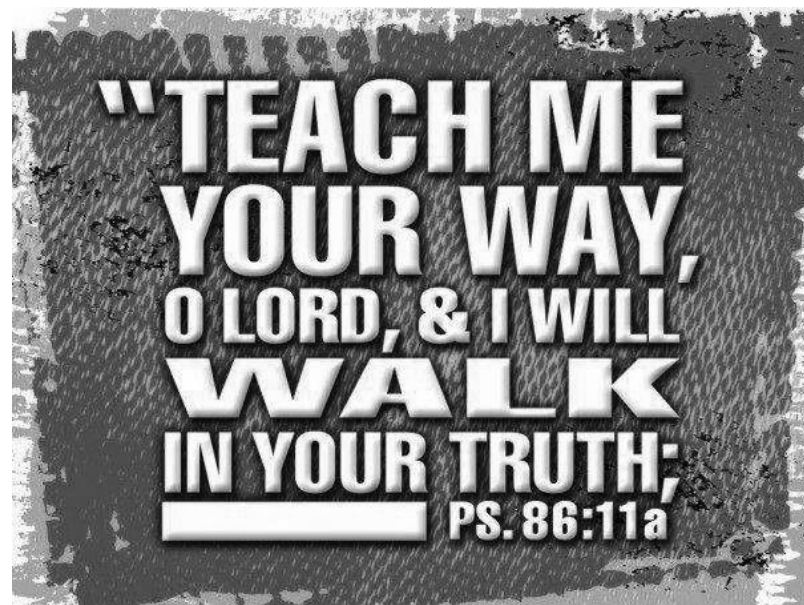
Glorify God

Renew Through Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth



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